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 IN EXTRA CHOICE

New and Rare Bulbs, Plants, Seeds and Fruits.

This little Catalogue contains in a condensed form the strongest and best Novelties and Special Offers of our large, regular Catalogue. It also contains offers of many new plants which we do not offer elsewhere. We hope, through the medium of this Catalogue of Specialties and Novelties, to open a business acquaintance with thousands of lovers of flowers who are not, as yet, our customers. For this purpose we send it free, to all who desire it.

Our large Catalogue for 1895, of 128 pages and nine magnificent Colored Plates and Covers, has been sent to our half a million customers, who receive it free. To others we ask 20 cents for it, which is only part of its cost. We will, however, gladly send it free to anyone not possessing it who sends us an order from this Catalogue to the amount of 50 cents or more, if they ask for it.

We solicit from you, dear reader, a trial order, large or small. When once you have tested our superior goods, we believe you will always remain a customer. We shall certainly try to please you. If you will send us a list of your friends and neighbors who love and cultivate flowers or gardens, and who buy seeds or plants, we will gladly mail them a copy of this Catalogue.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

Everything offered in this Catalogue will be sent by mail, postpaid, at prices named. We guarantee that everything we send out shall reach its destination in good condition. Otherwise, we will send again. We pack all plants carefully, in strong wooden boxes, which insures their safe transit through the mails to the remotest part of the country, and even to foreign countries.

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Our Fall Catalogue.—On the first of September we issue a finely Illustrated Catalogue of Hyacinths, Tulips, Narcissus, and other Bulbs and Plants for fall planting and winter blooming. We mail this Catalogue free, to all of our customers.

Moonflower, Northern Light. (New Giant Pink.)

We desire to get an order from all persons who receive this Catalogue, that we may number them among our customers and send them our two beautiful Catalogues each year. If there is not another thing in this Catalogue which the reader desires to order, here is a Novelty which please take, for we offer it for 10c., for the sole purpose of getting from you at least a 10c. order. It is the greatest Flower Seed Novelty of the year, offered now for the first time, and only by ourselves in this Catalogue—no other. It is a Hybrid Pink Moonflower of marvelous beauty and rapidity of growth. Seed germinate very quickly and plants begin to bloom about as soon as a Morning Glory. The blooms are produced by the thousand all summer and fall. The vine makes a most rapid growth and covers more space than any other Moonflower, or other annual vine. It branches freely and its foliage is large, dense and luxuriant. The great blossoms open about four o'clock in the afternoon and do not close until about noon the next day. In color they are of a most exquisite, soft, satin pink, reminding one of the delicately colored pink Orchids. Oh, it is such a beauty, grows so rapidly, blooms so early and so profusely. You should certainly have it. It will succeed wherever a Morning Glory will do well, and in all localities where the Moonflower is a failure. If one has not a garden this choice flower may be grown in pots trained around a window or veranda. It is a cross between the Giant Moonflower and the great pink Brazilian Morning Glory, and is the finest thing of the year. Our greatest Novelty, and we would naturally color plate it in our big Catalogue at about 30c. or 40c. per pkt., but instead offer it here at only **10 cents per pkt.**, just to get everyone who sees this Catalogue to send us an order.

Address,

JOHN LEWIS CHILDS, Floral Park, N. Y.



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Five Greatest Floral Novelties Given Absolutely Free to Each One Who Subscribes.

The Most Charming Horticultural Magazine of the World, with Several Elegant Colored Plates in Every Issue, at Only 50 Cents Per Year for Single Subscriptions; 40 Cents Per Year in Clubs of Five or More; 35 Cents in Clubs of 25 or More; 30 Cents in Clubs of 50 or More; 25 Cents Per Year in Clubs of 100 or More, With Premium.

THE PREMIUM.

FIVE GREATEST FLORAL NOVELTIES.

Everyone who subscribes for THE MAYFLOWER will receive immediately and absolutely free of all cost, by mail, postpaid, the following five extraordinary floral novelties, one packet of each. These are novelties of the highest order, and would cost, were one to purchase them, two or three times the price of a year's subscription. They are as follows:

New Early-Blooming Heliotrope.—A strain of Heliotrope which grows readily and rapidly from seed, blooming in a short time, and is as easily raised as Pansies, Balsams or Zinnias. They bloom abundantly in the garden all summer, or all the year round in pots. The panicles of bloom are often six inches across, while the colors range from indigo-black through all shades of blue to almost pure white. In fragrance they seem to surpass the ordinary Heliotrope. A packet of this seed will furnish a bed of flowers for your garden or lawn next summer which would cost several dollars were one to purchase the plants, and is alone well worth more than the subscription price.

Malmalson Carnations.—We have all heard of the wonderful Malmalson Carnation, so cherished in England but never seen in America for the reason that it is so hard to propagate. An enterprising florist in Europe has succeeded in raising a quantity of the seed of this renowned Carnation, which we have secured. Plants will bloom in three or four months from the time of sowing the seed. The flowers are simply enormous in size, as large as a large Rose, perfectly double, of a delicate bluish color and strong clove fragrance. Growth very stout with large, luxuriant foliage. No other Carnation in the world can compare with this variety. The packet which we give contains ten seeds, but if only one plant of Malmalson is raised it is a prize well worth a dollar.

New Dwarf-Flowering Cannas.—A superb strain of Crozy's new Dwarf-Flowering Cannas, unsurpassed as pot plants or for bedding. Immense panicles of bloom; dwarf habit, perpetual flowering and vivid colors characterize this strain. Packets will contain several seeds, but one plant raised from this strain is worth more than the subscription price of THE MAYFLOWER.

Centrosema Grandiflora.—A new hardy perennial vine which blooms freely the first summer from seed. Lovely Sweet Pea-like flowers of enormous size and charming colors. One of the grandest novelties introduced in several years.

Verbena, Giant White-Scented.—A new pure white Verbena of gigantic size and delicious fragrance. Habit, dwarf and compact. Superb for pots, as it blooms freely the year round. In the garden, during summer, it is one mass of bloom all the time. A sterling novelty, and always comes absolutely true from seed.

Subscribers to THE MAYFLOWER will find in this premium of Five Greatest Novelties a rare treat of choice floral beauties. Just think of it: These five Novelties and the charming MAYFLOWER a whole year for only 50c., or less in clubs.

AN ADDITIONAL PREMIUM.

In addition to the above we will give any subscriber 100 CHOICEST MIXED GLADIOLUS BULBS, and send them by mail, postpaid, if 25 cents is sent to pay postage and packing. These one hundred bulbs will make a glorious bed of bloom, such as is seldom seen. They represent all colors, shades and variegations. Remember, that the 100 Bulbs will only be sent to those who send 25 cents for postage.

GET UP A CLUB—ELEGANT CLUB PREMIUMS.

We will give you a beautiful present for every four subscribers you send us, and by showing this offer to your friends and neighbors you will find that they will nearly all be glad to subscribe. Each subscriber will get the above premium of five Floral Novelties, and for every four names in the club the club-raiser may select one of the following offers, which will be forwarded free, by mail:

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| 1 Crinum Ornatum, | 1 Sanseveria, |
| 1 Night Blooming Cereus, | 1 Abutilon Infanta Eulalia, |
| 2 Gladiolus Childsi, | 1 Japan Giant Chestnut, |
| 50 Mixed Seedling Gladiolus, | 1 Calla Little Gem, |
| 1 Champion Rose, | 1 Begonia Vernon, |
| 1 Otahelie Orange, | 3 Iris Kaempferi, |
| 1 Lilium Auratum, | 1 Rose Crimson Rambler, |
| 1 Fuchsia Trailing Queen, | 2 Wineberry, |
| 1 Clematis, | 2 Tree Blackberry, |
| 10 Pkts. New Vegetable Seeds, | 10 Pkts. Choice Flower Seeds, |

The above articles are described in this Catalogue.

SPECIAL CLUB PREMIUMS.

In addition to the above club premiums we offer some valuable Special Club Premiums for clubs of 25 or 50 names. Among them are a set of decorated dishes, watch, Chambers Encyclopedia, Webster Dictionary, etc. For full particulars, see December number of MAYFLOWER, which will be sent free on application.

THE MAYFLOWER.

JOHN LEWIS CHILDS, Editor.

The Leading Horticultural Magazine of the World.—

Elegantly Illustrated—2, 3 or 4 Colored Plates in Every Issue—More than 100 Correspondents All Over the World.

THE MAYFLOWER is acknowledged to be the leading Horticultural publication of the world. Its success has been phenomenal, having reached a subscription list of over 300,000 names, and it goes monthly to every civilized country of the globe. It contains 32 pages (often more), bound in beautiful covers. Each issue also contains several Colored Plates of New Flowers, Wild Flowers, Plants or Fruits, and many elegant illustrations. It is devoted to the cultivation of Flowers and Plants, Fruits, Vegetables, and to Gardening and Home Adornment in general. Each issue contains about sixty interesting and instructive articles from our staff of contributors, representing every State in the Union and nearly every country in the world.

As may be supposed, the articles on Flowers and Gardening, which come from all parts of the world, are intensely interesting and useful. Every number is well worth a year's subscription price. This is the verdict of our readers. Each issue is a mine of information and interesting literature, and a cabinet of beauty.

EXQUISITE JAPANESE COLORED PLATES.

We have received from Japan several elegant floral paintings of new Lilies, Chrysanthemums, Camellias, etc., from which we shall have colored plates made for some of our issues for 1895. These plates will be not only novel but perfectly exquisite, and will be a charming feature of THE MAYFLOWER.

COLORED PLATES OF WILD FLOWERS.

With January, 1895, we shall commence issuing a series of colored plates of Wild Flowers, two subjects on a double colored plate in each issue, with full descriptions of the plants, their habits, nativity, botanical and common names, etc. It will be a most beautiful and interesting series and of great botanical value. This feature alone is worth more than a year's subscription to THE MAYFLOWER.

SPECIAL SERIAL ARTICLES.

MARTIN BENSON, of Central America, will continue his very interesting "Central American Letters" through 1895.

MRS. MARY REYNOLDS, of New Zealand, will contribute a series of articles during the entire year, entitled "The Wild Flowers of New Zealand."

WALTER N. PIKE will contribute a series of articles on "Rare Florida Flowers."

JOHN LEWIS CHILDS will write a series of articles covering nearly the whole year entitled "New Plants and Flowers." These will be notes and comments on the Novelties in Floriculture which come to him from all over the world.

It is expected that Mr. HENRY NEHRING will write a series of several articles on our Native Birds. These articles will be a rare treat.

HOME INTERESTS.

EDITED BY MRS. HENRY WARD BEECHER & MRS. M. C. CHILDS
IS A GREAT SUCCESS.

This department, covering two or three pages each issue, was started last September, and its editors, Mrs. Beecher and Mrs. Childs, have made it so interesting and useful that our readers declare that it has enhanced the value of THE MAYFLOWER one hundred per cent. A little diversion from the great wealth of Horticultural and Floricultural literature which appears in each issue was thought to be a good thing, and it has proved to be such.

PERMANENT AGENTS WANTED.

As we want one or more permanent agents in every city, town and village to take subscriptions and receive renewals. We will make anyone who sends us a club of ten or more subscribers a permanent agent, if they so desire.

SUBSCRIPTION PRICE.—The subscription price of THE MAYFLOWER, including premium, and with all its new attractions, is only 50 cents per year for single subscription; 40 cents per year in clubs of five or more; 35 cents per year in clubs of twenty-five or more; 30 cents per year in clubs of fifty or more; 25 cents per year in clubs of 100 or more. Subscription price, without premium, 40 cents per year. Foreign subscribers, from all foreign countries, except Canada, must send one shilling (24 cents) extra to pay foreign postage.



Solanum Rantonetti.

For this new Solanum we are indebted to our friend, Mr. Bruant, of France, a guarantee of its value. It is to be regretted that *S. Seaforthianum* should have been called Blue Solanum, when really a lavender color, while our plant is of the very deepest and clearest blue, which is brought out more vividly by a yellow center. It is not a climber, but forms a neat little bush two feet high, which is covered with bloom during the entire summer, and almost until Christmas. Sure to become popular as soon as known, being as easy to grow and bloom as a Geranium, in pots or in the garden. 30c. each.



THE
BLUE
SOLANUM



THYRSACANTHUS RUTILANS.

Thyrsacanthus Rutilans.

(CARMINE FOUNTAIN.)

We read in *Gardeners' Chronicle*: "Of all plants that bloom in winter and spring, the most graceful and beautiful and best adapted for indoor decoration, is *Thyrsacanthus*. As a table plant its tabular blooms on long (20-inch) thread-like branches, show to great advantage. Considering its easy growth and the length of time it lasts in bloom, it is just one of those plants that should find a place in every collection, however choice."

From *Fleurs des Serres*, by Mr. Louis Van Houtte: "To say that the plant has fulfilled all expectations is to keep within the truth. It was described and pictured as bearing racemes of flowers six to eight inches long, yet the plant before us is covered with sprays over 20 inches in length, all garnished with flowers of the brightest carmine. It is a good plant in every meaning of the word; a precious plant for decorative purposes. 40c. each; 3 for \$1.00.

The Blue Solanum.

(SOLANUM AZUREUM.)

That splendid climbing plant, *Solanum Jasminoides Grandiflora*, which we introduced a few years ago, has become a universal favorite. In this new variety we have a splendid companion to it. In growth it is robust and vigorous, climbing to a considerable height in a short time. Its flowers are a fine deep azure blue, and borne in large, dense panicles, and are extremely beautiful, and are produced most of the time during the entire year. It is a splendid pot plant as a climber for the window or conservatory, and it is also a splendid plant for the garden during summer. 15c. each.

Solanum Jasminoides Grandiflora.

A beautiful half climber, easily kept in bush shape by a little pinching, or can be allowed to climb or trail at will, as it never grows too large for a window. Mostly grown as a house plant, for which its size and long profusion of star-like flowers well adapt it, but it is even more pleasing grown as a summer vine at the foot of a pillar or window. The panicles of pure white bloom are very pretty and are profusely borne both summer and winter, and the blossoms constantly grow larger and finer as the plant becomes older and more established, until it becomes a perfect cloud of soft, starry blooms, that attract every eye. It is never without flowers. 15c. each; 4 for 50c.



Bridal Rose.—(*Rubus Floribunda*.)

A remarkable plant, with leaves resembling a blackberry in shape. Its flowers are produced during winter, and are as double as a Pæony and almost as large. Color, pure white, and when a plant one or two feet high shows a score or more of these enormous flowers, which they often do, the sight is a most novel and attractive one. New and little known. Will create a sensation anywhere. 30c. each; 4 for \$1.00.



Resurrection Plant.

This is something that always interests the children and the older folks alike. There it is, a shrunken, rounded ball of tightly-folded leaflets, dry and dead. We drop it in a bowl of tepid water, and soon one frond-like tip curls slowly outward, then another, and another, until in a short time there is floating in the dish a beautiful metallic-green plant; a great, loose, expanded rosette of fine fern-like leaves, both odd and beautiful. This experiment can be repeated many times, the plant curling tightly together when dry, and expanding when soaked in water. 10c. each; 6 for 50c.

Hydrangea Paniculata.

Generally considered the most valuable and ornamental shrub in existence. Bushy and robust, every branch tipped in mid-summer with an immense close panicle of flat, snow-white flowers of gigantic size. The trusses of bloom are ten to twelve inches long and nearly as thick through, and last for two or three months, turning pinkish toward the last. No other shrub makes such a show on the lawn or is so universally admired. Grand for cemetery use, and always blooms finely the first summer. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.



CARYOPTERIS MASTACANTHUS.

Caryopteris Mastacanthus.

This new plant is highly spoken of in the foreign horticultural journals, and has been twice color-plated. It is of Chinese origin, and has lately been introduced by Messrs. Veitch & Sons, which is sufficient guarantee of its great value. It is extremely floriferous, plants in 2½-inch pots blooming profusely and continuing to do so until they have reached a height and width of three feet. The dense flower heads are of a rich lavender blue, rare among flowers. Blue Spirea is a good name for it. Favorably noticed in "The Garden," "Revue Horticole," "L' Horticulture Belge," etc. Price, 35c. each.



Day Lily—Variegated.

Leaves as handsome as a flower. A rosette cluster of almost white leaves, lightly striped with green and yellow. Flowers pretty pale lilac-blue on tall spikes. Fine also for pots. Altogether this is one of the very finest (certainly one of the most attractive and ornamental) of all hardy plants. 15c. each; 3 for 30c.; 12 for \$1.00.



Abutilon, Infanta Eulalia.

It would be difficult to find a more unique flowering plant than this. Unlike the ordinary Abutilon of scraggy growth, it is very compact and short jointed, making a very neat pot plant. The flowers are the most beautiful we have seen among Abutilons, being very large yet short and beautifully cupped, and of the most lovely pale satin-pink color imaginable. It produces its flowers by the score both summer and winter. It is safe to say that this plant will produce five times as many flowers as any other Abutilon under the same conditions. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Abutilon, Souv. de Bonne.

The most beautiful in foliage of all Abutilons. Each leaf has a broad distinct margin of pure white, making a most conspicuous plant. The long stemmed flowers are of golden-yellow color veined with scarlet. It is a remarkably free bloomer, either in pots or bedded out during summer, and is always a most attractive specimen plant, especially for exhibiting. The leaves are so very large, and so distinctly marked with white, and the flowers so showy that every one is attracted to it. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.



Aponogeton Distachyon.

A new perpetual-blooming aquatic plant of peculiar beauty and delicious fragrance. It is a near relative to the ordinary Pond Lily, but its flowers are entirely different, and we can compare them to nothing more appropriate than an alligator's head with open mouth. They are pure white, toothed inside and spotted with black. They have a strong, delicious, pond-lily fragrance. The leaves are long and narrow and float upon the water, while the flowers are raised slightly above it. This is a plant which can be conveniently grown in a small tub or vessel of any kind, and it is a perpetual bloomer, being never without flowers, when in a growing condition, both summer and winter. It is exceedingly rare, and we believe has not before been offered to the general public. Fine plants, 30c. each; 2 for 50c.



Mertensia Virginica.

This lovely early spring blooming flower has been in our sample grounds for several years, but it is only this year that we have been able to get a stock of it to offer. It has not yet been generally introduced, yet its beauty rivals that of the lovely old Bleeding Heart. It blooms with the Dicentra, or a little earlier, the flower being large and bell-shaped, and borne in great drooping panicles on stems a foot or more in height. The blooms in the panicle do not all open at the same time; are pink at first, changing in a few days, to a lovely blue, so that the panicle shows these two most lovely and delicate colors. The effect is most charming, and makes this one of the very choicest hardy perennials of our collection. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.



LOTUS PELYOORENSIS—CORAL GEM.

Lotus Pelyorensis.

(CORAL GEM.)

This charming plant is so well thought of abroad that a prominent horticultural journal color-plated it. The Garden says of it: "Its cylinder branching habit is most striking, and the silvery foliage even more so. Without its flowers it might almost be described as a Silvery Asparagus."

But the bright coral red flowers, measuring two inches in length, are really beautiful, greatly reminding one of the rare and beautiful Clanthus, so difficult to grow, while this gem is of the easiest possible management. Its drooping habit also makes it useful for hanging baskets. It is nearly hardy. Stock limited yet. 40c. each; 3 for \$1.00.



STROBILANTHES DYERIANUS.

Strobilanthes Dyerianus.

A new house and bedding plant sent out this year by Messrs. F. Sander & Co., of England, at \$2.00 each, and to which was awarded the gold medal offered by the King of Belgium at the Ghent Exhibition. It forms a compact bush 18 inches high, with leaves 6 to 9 inches long, 3 or 4 inches wide, and of the most intense metallic purple color, shading into light rose with a light green margin, a combination unapproached by any other plant. The flowers are a lovely violet-blue, very beautiful. Mr. Pfister, of the White House, Washington, put it in the open border, where it grew and colored up beyond all expectation in a very exposed position. It has created a veritable sensation wherever exhibited. 50c. each.

Water Hyacinth.

The translucent delicacy of the Water Hyacinth's tinted and its sparkling, frost-like crystallization of texture, can not be caught by the artist's brush or pictured to the reader's imagination by cold type. In every sense it is a peculiar and beautiful plant. Each plant is a rosette-like cluster of smooth, round green leaves, to each of which is attached a singular puffed, bladder-like petiole or leaf-stalk that enables the plant to float like a boat, until the mass of feathery indigo-blue roots—themselves a notable feature in this plant—find mooring to their motion and send anchoring roots into the soil below. When the long full spikes of superlatively beautiful flowers appear, no praise can be too high for them. Each flower in the spike is the size of a silver dollar, a blending of lilac-rose and azure-blue tints, with the upper and slightly hooded petal blotched a deep metallic blue, with golden spot in the center, and sparkling in the sun as though sprinkled with diamond dust. The soil in the tubs should be one-third rotted manure. After once started the plants enjoy the hottest sun. If growth becomes too matted, thin out or they will not bloom well. Grows well in small vessels in the window, or in tubs or pools out of doors. Blooms best in full sun, no matter how hot it may be. It is an odd, curious and wonderfully beautiful plant, and all lovers of rare flowers should have it. Fine plants for blooming soon, 20c. each; 3 for 50c; 7 for \$1.00.



BOUGAINVILLEA GLABRA, VAR. SANDERIANA.

Bougainville's Sanderiana.

The most useful and brilliant flowering plant known. First-class certificate Royal Horticultural Society, April 24, 1894. Of the most easy culture, either in greenhouse or window, producing its magnificent rosy-crimson bracts and yellow blossoms in the smallest pots under all conditions, in the greatest abundance and amazing profusion from May to December. This is really the most sensational new plant of the year. Sold in England recently at \$2.00 each. It will be one of the most satisfactory and popular pot plant in cultivation. 60c. each; 2 for \$1.00.





NEW ROSE CRIMSON RAMBLER.

NEW ROSE,

Crimson Rambler.

This new Rose is the sensation of the hour, and well it may be, for it is indeed a marvel. It originated in Scotland, and is a hardy, ever-blooming, climbing Polyanthus. It is perfectly hardy in the open ground, will grow 8 to 10 feet in a season, is in bloom all the time from early spring till late fall, the flowers appearing in great panicles as large as a man's hat, and of a deep, rich crimson color, like blood-colored velvet. The flowers when cut last two weeks in water, and fully a month on the bush, which is a perfect mass of rich crimson at all times. It can be grown in various ways, as a pillar rose, a trellis rose, and for covering a wall it has no equal, and when pegged down it will form a bed of itself. Cut back it is a magnificent pot rose for the window. It is always in bloom, even when very small, and is easily trimmed to a bushy grower. Being the introducer in this country, we have the largest and finest stock of this superb rose, which we offer at the following very low prices, strong plants, 30c. each; 4 for \$1.00.



NEW ROSE,

Mary Washington.

This Rose was raised by George Washington over one hundred years ago in his garden at Mt. Vernon, and named after his mother. We introduced it a few years ago, our stock plants coming direct from Mt. Vernon from the original vines. Aside from the fact that this Rose was raised and named by George Washington, it is one of the most valuable sorts that has been introduced for many years. A hardy, perpetual blooming climber has long been needed. Its flowers are pure white, perfectly double to the center; sweet, and borne in endless numbers all summer. It is a vigorous and rapid grower, and a most valuable Rose for out-door culture. Its buds are as beautiful as the finest Tea Roses, borne on large stems, and usually in large clusters. One plant of the Mary Washington will produce more flowers than a dozen Tea Roses. Its fragrance is tinged with the old fashioned musky flavor so much admired in olden times. It will commence blooming immediately after planting, and the smallest plant will produce hundreds and even thousands of flowers the first summer. Our stock is genuine. Beware of spurious stock. Fine plants, 15c. each; 3 for 30c.

Special Offer—For only 50c. we will send one plant each of *Crimson Rambler*, *Mary Washington* and *Champion of the World*.



New Rose, "Champion of the World."

This is the grandest of all new Roses and should be grown by everybody. It is the

CHAMPION BLOOMER.

It commences to bloom as soon as potted from the propagating bench, and continues in the greatest profusion all the time, both SUMMER and WINTER. One plant of it will produce more flowers during the year than ten plants of any Tea Rose. It is always in full bloom. Plants which have bloomed all summer in the garden may be potted in the autumn and they will immediately start new growth and bloom profusely all winter in any window. Returned to the garden in the spring, they will again bloom all summer, without intermission. It is truly a perpetual bloomer, never without flowers.

CHAMPION IN HARDINESS.

Though a perpetual bloomer, it is as hardy and robust as an oak, standing the severe winters of Vermont, where it originated, in the open ground, without the slightest protection, and commencing its season of bloom earlier than any other sort. For a hardy garden Rose it is as valuable as it is for pots.

CHAMPION IN VICOR.

It is the most healthy and vigorous Rose in cultivation, for its handsome rank foliage has never been known to mildew under any condition, indoors or out. It is ABSOLUTELY MILDEW PROOF under any and all conditions.

CHAMPION IN FRAGRANCE.

It has the most delicious and powerful rose fragrance, which is maintained during the whole year. Its perfume in December is as rich, delicate and sweet as it is in June.

CHAMPION IN FORM AND COLOR.

Its blossoms are perfectly double to the center, and of the most perfect shape, both in bud and blossom, while its color is a degree of loveliness which few Roses can equal, being a rich, deep rosy pink, darker and richer than Hermosa, and a shade the delicate richness of which is seldom seen. Its size is very large for an everbloomer, often as large and fine as La France, or the best hybrid perpetuals.

IN GENERAL.

This remarkable Rose, a cross between Hermosa and Magna Charta, originated several years ago in Vermont. Mr. Geo. W. Woodhouse, the originator, says: "I have tested nearly every rose in cultivation, and claim to know them all, and I stake my reputation as a judge in such matters, by stating that there is not a Rose grown that will produce, after the usual June bloom, even a respectable percentage of the blooms that the Rose "Champion of the World" will; and no Rose of any name or kind that will stand the winter in the open ground better than the above. It is a perpetual bloomer, and I could not select a time that I could say that I thought was any better than another for a display of blossoms."

Price. Strong, well-rooted plants, 20c. each; three for 50c; seven for \$1.00; fifteen for \$2.00.

**Figs.**

A popular and easily kept tub plant, that will beautify the lawn or veranda all summer, and winter safely in the cellar. Good growers, with a luxuriant growth of large, wide leaves, and bearing at a year old an abundance of sweet, pulpy fruit, unsurpassed for eating fresh. They are also very fine for preserving or pickling, or to dry. South of the middle States can be grown in the open ground. Here on Long Island they are hardy out-doors if protected during winter. Nothing is more luscious than Figs fresh from the trees, specially when eaten with cream, like strawberries. They make novel plants as well as interesting ones. 30c. each; 4 for \$1.00.

**The Strawberry Guava.**

A beautiful pot plant, with shining evergreen foliage that resembles Camellia leaves, and handsome fruit nearly the size of a walnut, and of a fine strawberry-like flavor. The fruit makes the finest and most nutritious jelly that there is, and blooms and fruits continuously the year around. It must be considered as useful as ornamental. A very heavy bearer, and the fruit is very handsome. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

**Otaheite Orange.**

An extra fine pot plant, with glossy evergreen leaves, the true fragrant Orange blooms and abundant little bright oranges that will hang on the little bush like balls of gold for six months after they are ripe. They will bloom and fruit in a two-inch pot; and we have seen a plant in a common window, that was but 15 inches high, and had 23 oranges on it. With good sunlight they are never out of fruit from one year's end to another, and at least two-thirds of the time are in flower also. The fruit is very sweet and handsome. Could we have but one plant in our window it would be an Otaheite Orange. In beauty, grace and fragrance there is nothing like its delicate leafy sprays of bloom, so indescribably exquisite, dainty, lovely and adorable. Fine plants, for blooming and fruiting at once, 25c. each; 3 for 60c.

**Melon Pear, or Pepino.**

A rapid-growing, dark-leaved plant, blooming when quite small. The fruit is the size and shape of a goose egg, and very handsome. In color, a pale lemon mottled with waves of bright violet. Inside the fruit resembles a pear, and tastes something like a banana, but is much sweeter and juicier. Very ornamental when in flower and fruit. An elegant pot plant; also fine for the garden. 25c. each; 5 for \$1.00.

SPECIAL OFFER.—For only 75c. we will send one each of these four elegant fruit-bearing plants.



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PALM
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Filifera Palm.



One of the best window Palms, needing no petting to succeed. Stands dust and dry air, and lack of sunshine, and is very ornamental with its elegant fan-shaped leaves of a rich, dark, leathery green. Picturesquely fringed with long thread-like filaments along the segments of the leaves. The plant is a compact grower, well adapted to pot culture, succeeding in any situation, and with any treatment that will keep a Geranium alive. It will make a grand ornament during winter, and in summer it can adorn a veranda, or be placed in any shady place about the garden or yard, or used for a center in a vase, basket or flower bed—always ornamental anywhere. All Palms of the fan-leaved sorts have, when young, leaves of a long, narrow shape, developing the round, fan-shaped ones as they grow older. Strong plants, 20c. each; 8 for 50c.; 7 for \$1.00.

Seed. The seed of this magnificent Palm is sure to germinate, and make rapid growing plants. Per paper, 10c.



Manettia Vine.

A poor vine is little but an eyesore; but a thrifty Manettia is lovely beyond all question. It can be grown either in the house or garden, and is full of bloom every day in the year. In the house it can be trained all around a window, and it will be a solid wreath of bloom both summer and winter. In the open ground during summer it will grow ten feet, branching freely and covering a large space of trellis, arbor or wall, showing at all times thousands of its bright blossoms. The flowers are $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 inches long, and of the most intense fiery scarlet shading off into a bright yellow tip. They are also covered with a scarlet moss or hairy substance, which adds much to their beauty, and each flower keeps perfect for weeks before falling. No plant is easier to grow, and it commences to bloom at once from the smallest cuttings, and continues to bloom most profusely at all times. There is not a day during its life that it is without flowers if it has any sort of decent care. It being quite unknown and of such striking beauty, either for screens, baskets, vases, windows, trellises, stumps, etc., that it attracts the admiration of every eye. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 7 for \$1.00.

Sweet Mary.

Many of us will remember seeing in old-fashioned gardens, tufts of a low growing plant which produces beautiful oblong foliage which possesses a strong, peculiar and fascinating fragrance. This plant was known in olden times only as Sweet Mary, a hardy perennial, when once planted producing an abundance of its beautiful leaves all summer, which are indispensable for bouquets and cut flowers. This lovely old plant has almost gone out of cultivation, and we know that many of our customers will thank us for re-introducing it. Fine plants, 15c. each; 3 for 50c.





Callas.

Several important new Callas are here offered. The Little Gem is a perfect wonder, and everybody should have it.

Little Gem. All that need be said about this sterling novelty is that it is a perfect miniature Calla, growing 8 or 12 inches high and producing perpetually very large snow-white blossoms. It begins to bloom when only a few inches high in a three or four-inch pot, and a well-established plant in a large pot is never without flowers, summer or winter, and sometimes shows a dozen at once. The greatest plant novelty of late years and yet the sensation of the day. Our stock is TRUE, and the largest in the world. Cut shows the comparison of the Common Calla and Little Gem growing side by side. The plant for everybody. 25c. each; 5 for \$1.00.

Childs' Dwarf Ever-Blooming. Habit dwarf and compact, with handsome glossy foliage, and large snow-white flowers. The old Calla, as everyone knows, is a shy bloomer. This new sort is always in bloom, summer or winter, blooming for years without once ceasing. It can be grown in the open ground in summer, and lifted again in the fall, or it may be kept growing in pots all of the time. A great improvement as a pot plant over the old Calla, requiring less room and producing much larger and finer flowers and five times as many of them. Stock very scarce. 60c. each; 2 for \$1.

Common Calla. Fine, strong plants, 25c. each.

Spotted Calla. Leaves finely spotted white. Fine bulbs, 20c. each.

Yellow Calla. Same nature as the Spotted Calla, but with large golden-yellow blossoms with a black center. Very rare. \$1.50 each.

Black Calla. Pure coal-black. Very fine indeed. 50c. each.



Vanilla Plant.

A new pot plant, which is sure to take like wild fire. It belongs to the Liatris family, and is a half-hardy perennial. As its name implies, its blooms possess a strong, delicious and refreshing vanilla fragrance. Foliage is also fragrant. It is a splendid flowering plant, sending up flower stems to the height of two feet, at the top of which is borne a great branching panicle of rosy-purple bloom that keeps perfect a long time. At our greenhouses it has attracted great attention. One plant is sufficient to keep a large room constantly perfumed. 20c. each; 4 for 50c.



The Butterfly Lily.

This magnificent Lily is one of the most desirable acquisitions to a collection of flowers imaginable. While the cut gives an excellent idea of the general appearance of the plant, it conveys no idea whatever of the chaste beauty of the large snow-white and exquisitely fragrant flowers, looking almost like a bevy of large white butterflies hovering over the plant. Both plant and root are Canna-like, the shoots attaining a height of from two to five feet and surmounted by large terminal clusters of the beautiful flowers, more than one crop of which are produced from the same flower-stalk. The roots may be wintered in a dormant condition (in the soil) if stored in a warm dry situation or if kept moist and warm enough the plant will flower the whole year round. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.



Sanseveria Zealanica.

A NEW DECORATIVE PLANT OF GREAT VALUE.

There is scarcely a decorative plant listed that is more striking in foliage and habit than this, and certainly none other that will stand as much downright neglect and hardship as will this. Nothing but frost or a continual drenching with water, has terrors for it. It will grow in a dark hall, a cool bed-room, or stand on the mantel in a heated sitting-room. It will stand gas and dust, and will go for months without a drop of water, yet remain as thrifty as ever. Singularly beautiful as well as easily grown. Erect, rigid, sword-like leaves, in some old specimens reaching a length of from 4 to 6 feet. The leaves are thick and fleshy, a dark green color, with clouded bars of white. In May and June it sends up long plummy flower spikes, which, in their soft, feathery whiteness, remind one of an Agave's flower. The splendid outlines of this plant, together with its distinctive marbling, make it a superb plant for jardinières, centers of vases, etc. It will also grow splendidly out of doors in summer. Just the plant for sunless windows or halls, where nothing else will grow. It is new and little known to cultivation, but a plant which all will delight to possess 20c. each; 3 for 50c.



Chrysanthemums.

Not a word needs to be written descriptive of the Queen of Autumn Flowers. The interest taken each autumn in the Chrysanthemum shows of every city show the hold this flower has on the hearts of the people. Beautiful, profuse, easily grown, and a superb pot plant for room decoration. No other flower need hope to compete with it in the season.

Some dealers offer confusing lists of hundreds of varieties, but we have reduced our list to the cream of all sorts, any one of which might grace a queen's palace. Our advice is to give them rich food and plenty of water, and if the large blooms of the Exhibition are coveted, keep them in pots always, shifting them as they require, pinching back until robust and bushy, then to disbud, leaving but one blossom out of each cluster to develop, feeding the plant, of course, on liquid manure from the time the buds show.

Price of all the following, 10c. each; the thirty sorts for \$1.50.

- Ada Spaulding.** (I) The winner of many prizes. Large and perfect; the lower half of the flower a deep rich pink, melting into the purest pearl white at the tips.
- Antonius.** A bright canary yellow. Anemone-flowered Pompon. A great bloomer.
- Black Douglas.** (P) A curious and beautiful Pompon. The color so deep as to be almost black, while the tip of each petal shows a glint of gold, making the whole blossom appear as though sprinkled with gold dust.
- Bertha Flight.** Beautiful large bluish-white. Very delicate and handsome.
- Cardinal Sunshade.** This variety is the very largest Chrysanthemum grown, sometimes a foot across, with half-quilled petals, of a deep dark cardinal color. Single.
- Cullingfordil.** Still the standard of what a fine dark Chrysanthemum should be. Very rich dark crimson. Distinct and handsome.
- Edouard Audigier.** (I) Unlike any othersort. Rich velvety violet-purple, with silvery reverse of petal. Very large.
- H. E. Widener.** One of the most famous of the newer Chrysanthemums. Flowers a perfect ball of bright lemon-yellow; very large, and upheld by long stiff flower stalks.
- Harry May.** (I) A massive, spherical flower of rich old-gold, touched with reddish veins. Spoon-shaped petals, broad and thick. Luxuriant foliage, and one of the finest sorts.
- Ivory.** A grand variety. A smooth-textured, ivory-white flower, of large size and perfect globular form.
- Improved Leopard.** Most beautiful and distinct. The color is a peculiar but beautiful carmine-purple, thickly dotted with white. A great improvement on the old Leopard.
- Klota.** (I) One of the most popular yellows, of a rich golden color, and as round as a ball. Very fine.
- Koko.** (A) A distinct sort of very large size. Broad, flat; outer petals of a rosy-illiac. Short, tubular center petals of a creamy white.
- Geo. W. Childs.** A massive flower of great substance and superb color. A rich, deep velvety-crimson, absolutely free from all other shades. One of the very largest and richest-colored sorts known.
- Golden Wedding.** New last year, and probably the very finest of all yellow varieties. Flowers enormous in size,

incurved, solid and globular. Color the finest and brightest among yellows.

V. H. Hallock. The petals are broad and wax-like in color an exquisite pearl, bathed in tints of rose. Flowers last a long time.

W. H. Lincoln. Pure golden-yellow; slightly incurved, and of great size and perfection.

Lillian B. Bird. (J) A very large, full flower, with high center, and spreading needle-shaped petals of a paleshrimp-pink.

L. Canning. (J) Much grown for specimens and for cutting. Pure white; petals very long and broad. Extra fine.

Mrs. Fottler. (J) A lovely incurved variety, with long, pointed petals. The soft pink flowers are very feathery and beautiful.

Mrs. L. C. Maderia. Large, double, globular flowers, with large quilled petals that last long in perfection. The color is a distinct orange-yellow. A splendid grower.

Mrs. Langtry. (J) A very large and beautiful late-bloomer of snowy whiteness.

Princess Meletia. (P) Beautiful for cutting or wearing. A lovely, long-stemmed fringed flower of perfect Pompon shape; a delicate bluish white. Will please everyone.

Roslyn. A superb Mornet-Rose pink. Thick heavy petals, flowers of immense size.

Rose Queen. (J) A lovely rose-amaranth, with quilled, flattened petals.

Val'd'Or. (P) The finest of all yellow-flowered Pompoms. Blooms in clusters. Beautiful round shape and rich, glowing color.

Wm. R. Smith. (J) Color, a fine day-break-crimson; large and beautifully shaped.

W. N. Rudd. A pale lavender pink, rare shade of great beauty. Petals long, drooping and curiously notched.

Whirlwind. An enormous, pure white anemone-flowered; of great beauty.

OSTRICH PLUME CHRYSANTHEMUMS.

These are the unique hairy or "Esau" varieties which are so odd, beautiful and popular.

Price, 15c. each; the three for 30c.

Louis Boehmer. An elegant fleecy sort of a soft rosy-pink. The broad petals show the same plush-like hairiness of Mrs. Alpheus Hardy, to which it is a fine companion.

Mrs. Alpheus Hardy. Large, loose, feathery blooms, covered with frosted, plush-like hairs. A magnificent flower.

W. A. Manda. Superb, large golden-yellow flowers, on stout stems well above the foliage. This also shows the handsome hairs so much admired in these flowers.

OUR NEW CHRYSANTHEMUMS.

We have been fortunate enough to raise from seed several Chrysanthemums of new forms, new colors, and remarkable beauty. New varieties are so plentiful that we would not offer these if they did not possess distinct new qualities of great merit.

Price, 20c. each; three for 50c.; the seven for \$1.00.

Mayflower. Flowers six inches across, perfectly double to the center. Petals long and wavy and beautifully and deeply lacinated; color, pale whitish-lavender, slightly shaded with yellow toward the center. Unlike any other variety, and a flower of great and peculiar beauty.

Diadem. Large incurved flower, as round as a ball, the outer petals of the ball being dull red while the inner half is bright golden-yellow. This combination of two distinct colors has not been seen before.

Ta-ra-ra-boom-de-ay. A Japanese, with large, broad petals, which neither incurve nor reflex, but are so numerous and formed in such a way that it makes a flower as round and double as the best incurved. Color, beautiful lilac-pink, distinct and charming.

Norma Dee Childs. A beautiful Chinese; enormous flower, seven inches across, perfectly double to the center; petals wide, and color snow-white. Unquestionably the best pure white Chrysanthemum known.

Laciniata Grandiflora. An improvement on the old Laciniata; flowers twice its size, perfectly double, and pure snow-white; petals beautifully lacinated.

White Comet. A large, flat flower, double to the center, seven inches across; petals whorled, quilled and twisted in the most beautiful manner. Color, pure white.

Blush Comet. Color, soft, delicate blush, otherwise exactly like the above.

CHOICE CHRYSANTHEMUM SEED.

Chrysanthemums are very easily grown from seed and flower abundantly the first season. It is no trouble at all to grow them, and they are sure to flower beautifully in October and November from spring-sown seed. Every plant raised will produce a flower of a different color and character, no two will ever be alike, and among them there will be many exceptionally beautiful and perhaps many very valuable new varieties. Extra choice seed, saved only from the finest named varieties. 25c per packet.



Cannas.

These are now the most popular and most magnificent of all summer-blooming plants for brilliant bedding and massing. Many also, like Star of 1891 and '92, are among the very finest of all pot plants, either for summer or winter blooming. The following are the very best of the many sorts now before the public.

Star of 1891. Introduced by us four years ago, and is still the finest of all dwarf-flowering Cannas, especially for pot culture. As a pot plant for blooming, both summer and winter, this Canna is a novelty of immense importance. It has already become recognized as the most valuable and important flowering plant among those who know it. It is utterly impossible to have a plant which is more easily grown or more effective in bloom. The enormous panicles of flowers which are borne continually even on plants only a foot or two in height, and in small pots, is indeed marvelous, and the intense color of the blossoms makes such plants objects of the most effective beauty. We honestly believe it to be the finest of all winter-blooming plants, flowering as it does the year through without intermission, and as a garden flower nothing can surpass it.

Alphonse Bouvier. Grows $3\frac{1}{2}$ feet high, with rich luxuriant foliage and enormous panicles of great wide-petaled flowers, which are of the darkest, and richest blood vermilion color. One of the very finest, both for pots and the garden.

Paul Marquant. $3\frac{1}{2}$ feet high, fine healthy grower, flowers very large and borne in large panicles. Color very peculiar, being sort of a salmon shaded red. No other color like it among Cannas. A superb sort.

Suzzoni. A superb sort, $3\frac{1}{2}$ feet high, with enormous blossoms which are of the finest canary yellow, freely spotted pale scarlet. Petals exceedingly wide and of great substance. There is no Canna more beautiful than this, especially for the open ground. It is simply grand.

Mad. Crozy. As beautiful as Star of '91, but a taller, ranker grower. Flowers large, very bright scarlet, with a wide margin of gold around each petal. A truly superb sort; none better, particularly for the garden.

Ehemanni. (FUCHSIA-FLOWERED CANNA) It seems as though every merit that can belong to a plant is justly claimed for this grand Canna. It is far ahead of any other Canna in its sub-tropical effect. Its wide Banana-like leaves are grand beyond description; its stately sweeping habit perfection itself. To crown it all its great drooping spikes of trumpet shaped, Fuchsia-like flowers, are very striking above the rich, clear green of the undulating foliage, and they stand the hottest sun without withering. Color, lovely rosy scarlet.

Alba Grandiflora. The nearest to a white of any Canna and is now offered for the first time. Flowers large, petals wide and pearly white, shading to pink in the center. A combination of color which is most delicate and charming, and unlike any other sort.

Florence Vaughan. The queen of the fancy spotted varieties. Flowers of enormous size, petals exceedingly broad and of perfect shape. Color bright canary yellow, thickly spotted with vivid scarlet. So bright and distinct is this color that it appears to have been laid on with a brush.

Price of above eight grandest flowering Cannas, 25c. each; three for 60c.; the eight for \$1.50. Any variety, dozen, \$2.00.

CANNA SEED.

Cannas grow readily from seed and bloom in a few months. We can supply seed as follows:

Mad. Crozy, Paul Marquant, Suzzoni and Florence Vaughan, at 20c. per pkt.; the four sorts for 50c.

Mixed Seed, of all colors, the finest collection of dwarf large flowering kinds ever offered, 20c. pkt.; 3 pkts. 50c.

Brilliant Salvias.

For brilliancy the following choice varieties of Salvia Splendens vie with Cannas. They bloom perpetually, and are desirable alike for bedding in the open ground or for growing in pots for a continuous display during the year.

Splendens Compacta. An improvement on the old variety, it being of dwarf, compact growth with plenty of beautiful foliage and long showy spikes of the most brilliant scarlet flowers, borne continually.

Alba. Like the above, except in color, which is a pearly white. Contrasts beautifully with the other colors.

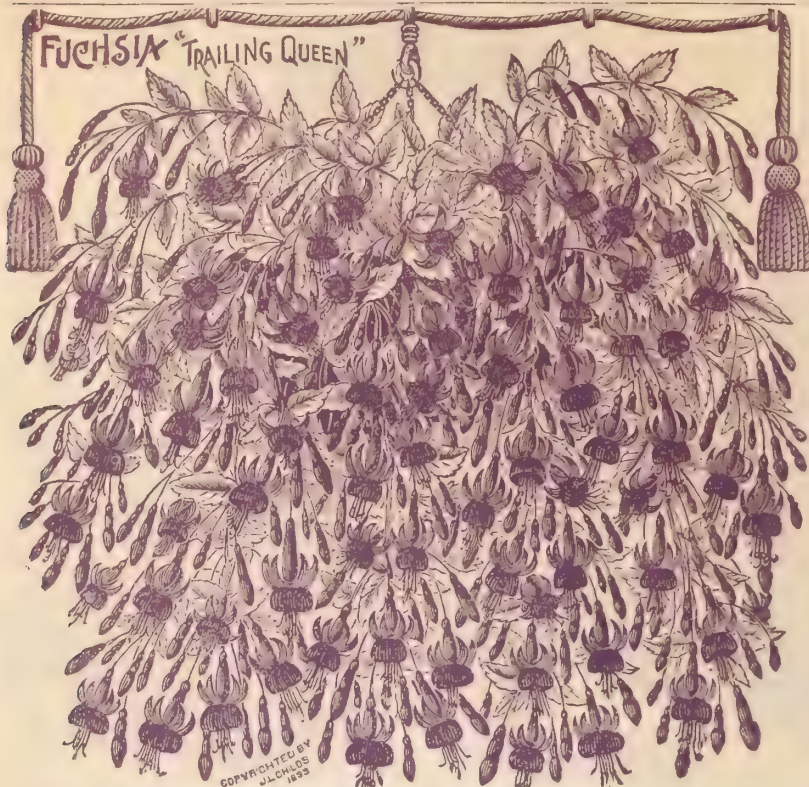
Striata. The bloom of this variety is freely striped and mottled white and scarlet.

Purpurea. Flowers in large spike and of a rich royal purple color. fine.

Pitcheri. Fine graceful spikes of blue flowers.

Price, fine plants for blooming at once. c. each: two for 25c.; the five for 50c.





Fuchsia, Trailing Queen.



Good plants for hanging pots or baskets are rare—as rare as they are beautiful. This new Fuchsia never grows erect, but always trails down over the side of the pot, and is the most beautiful of all plants for suspension. Luxuriant without being woody, procumbent without being sprawling, clothed with handsome foliage, and loaded with hundreds of gracefully drooping flowers, nothing more could be asked for as a basket plant. A well grown plant of this Fuchsia is a weeping fountain of waxen scarlet and violet-purple bells, and it remains in this condition for months at a time. Very robust and easy to grow, the branches reaching a length of four and five feet, blooming and growing nearly the whole year. The leaves are dark green, ribbed and rayed with red or crimson, which makes them luminous and handsome. Flowers and buds long and graceful, borne in large clusters at the ends of the vines. When expanded the flowers are very large in size, tube and sepals bright rosy scarlet, while the corolla at opening is a rich violet purple, changing the second day to a fine shade of crimson, the two colors in the same cluster contrasting beautifully. A good specimen will show hundreds of flowers at once, and the effect when suspended in a window is truly glorious. 25c. each; 5 for \$1.00.

Fuchsia Little Beauty—A perfect little gem of a Fuchsia, growing but 6 inches high and always full of bloom. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

The Mexican Primrose.



This will thrive in rich or poor, wet or dry soil, or in sun or shade, and bloom profusely the year round in pots, or all the spring, summer and fall in the garden. It is strictly a perpetual bloomer, as it is in flower at all times of the year a good specimen showing most of the time from 10 to 30 large saucer-shaped blossoms about 3 inches across. The superb colors combined with airy grace and beautiful form goes to make a flower which is perfection itself. The plant seldom grows over 10 inches in height, but inclines to a trailing habit, spreading its branches out over the ground or drooping over the sides of the pot holding its large, silky flowers erect, so that their unsurpassed beauty is seen to best advantage. As a plant for hanging pot or basket it is unexcelled. The plant is a free grower, succeeding in any soil or situation, and commencing to bloom almost as soon as the cuttings are potted. As a window plant it combines great hardiness and ease of culture with unsurpassed beauty and delicate loveliness, and profusion of bloom. In the open ground it grows freely and blooms profusely all summer, and, in fact, until winter is upon it, as early frosts do not injure it.

Charming. Bright, deep pink; veined with scarlet, and with a light center.

Snowflake. Pure snow-white, enormous size.

Apple Blossom. White, tinted bluish, and bordered with satin pink. An extremely delicate color.

Hermosa Tinted. A lovely shade of light soft rose; very delicate. Price, 20c. each; three for 50c; the four for 60c.



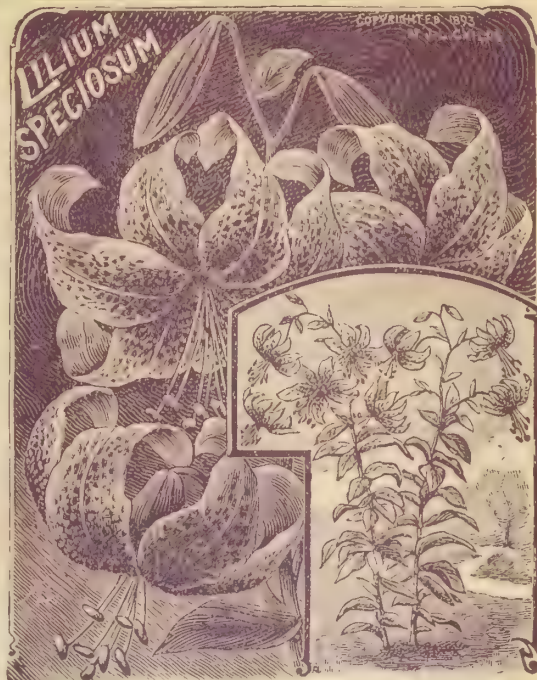


Rare Lilies.

The brush cannot paint, or the pen portray the exquisite purity and delicacy, yet magnificent grandeur of the stately Lily. It is the plus ultra of floral beauty, and we urge our friends to each year add a few Lilies to their collection. No other flower will so adorn our homes when in bloom, and they constantly improve after planting. We feel sure if our readers could see a good collection of from 20 to 40 different sorts in bloom, they would never rest until they had a goodly number of their own. As a rule, Lilies are of the easiest cultivation, especially the following, which have been carefully selected as the very hardest, handsomest and best. Each.

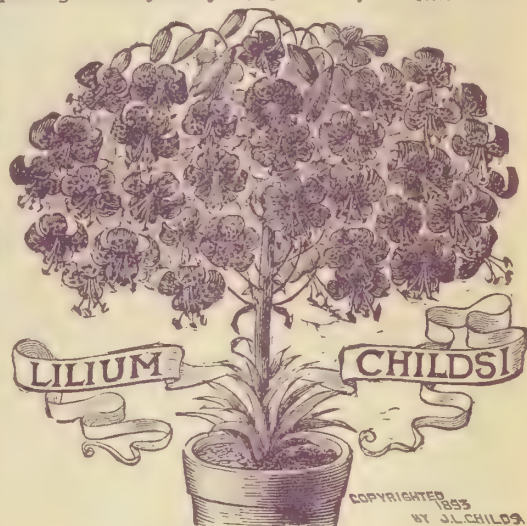
- Auratum** (THE GOLDEN BANDED LILY OF JAPAN). We offer fine large bulbs of these at prices so low everybody can plant them freely. \$1.50 per dozen..... 20
- Elegans**. Grand, large tulip-shaped blossoms of many shades and colors. The umbels of upright, cup-like flowers are very pleasing. Among the earliest of all Lilies to bloom. Mixed, many fine colors, \$1.00 dozen. 10
- E. Bicolor**. A very showy early Lily. Large flowers of a bright red flushed with orange. Striking..... 10
- E. Leonard Joerg**. Light yellow, spotted black; grand. 15
- Longiflorum**. Long trumpets of the purest white. Flower large, but plant quite low in growth. Very fragrant. 15
- Pardallium** (LEOPARD LILY). Rich scarlet and yellow flowers, spotted with rich brown. Robust and free flowering. A superb Lily and one which will give the greatest possible satisfaction. Succeeds in all situations. No garden complete without it..... 15
- Tenuifolium** (THE CORAL LILY OF SIBERIA). A little beauty. The brightest of all Lilies. Grows 20 inches high, with finely cut foliage, slender stems and beautifully-shaped flowers of a shining coral red..... 20
- Tigrinum, fl. pl.** (DOUBLE TIGER LILY). A duplicate of the old Tiger Lily, but with very double flowers of beautiful orange red spotted with black. Superb..... 10
- Tigrinum Splendens** (IMPROVED TIGER LILY). Bright orange, thickly spotted black. As hardy as an oak... 10
- Speciosum Rubrum** (LANCIFOLIUM). Large wide flowers, recurving more or less at the tips. Among the showiest of all Lilies and perhaps the most robust and the most radiantly beautiful. Very fragrant and hardy. Lovely rose and white, spotted crimson..... 15
- 6. Monstrosum Album**. A variety of the above, with broad, flat stems and immense heads of flowers, often fifty flowers in a cluster..... 20
- 6. Melpomene**. Words cannot describe the beauty of this variety. Frosted white, spotted, clouded and bearded with pinkish crimson. Petals deeply recurved and widely bordered. Exceedingly fine..... 50
- 6. Praecox**. Large, perfect and beautiful. Frosted white, with a tinge of blush at the tip of petals. The plush-like fringe in each petal adds to its beauty..... 30
- Umbellatum**. Twenty-five finest sorts mixed. Cup-shaped flowers, resembling Elegans. Robust growers, and great bloomers. They range through buff, apricot, rose, crimson, yellow, etc., to almost black, many sorts being finely spotted. Per dozen, \$1.00..... 15
- Wallacel**. Very floriferous, hardy and showy; bright apricot blossoms, large, erect and beautiful. Each bulb sends up many stems which bear several of the lovely blossoms in an umbel..... 10

SPECIAL OFFER. For only \$1.25 we will send the above fifteen Grand Lilies, which amount to \$2.65.



Lilium Speciosum Opal.

We had thought that no specimen could exceed Melpomene, but this new Lily is even larger, grander, and, if possible, more richly colored. Like the opal, for which it is named, the eye drinks in its lovely tints with delight. To say that it is frosted, glistening, white, delicately clouded and suffused with rosy blush and spotted with rosy scarlet, is to convey but a slight idea of its perfect loveliness. The deeply recurving petals are snowy white at the tip, gradually deepening in color to the base of each petal, which is blotched with a raised, moss-like fringe which glistens like diamonds. The flower is very large, and the plant robust and hardy, improving in beauty each year. \$1.00 each; 6 for \$5.00.



Lilium Childsi.

The plant grows only ten inches high, a pyramid of luxuriant foliage, crowned with a cluster of 30 to 50 brilliant blossoms. These are of large size, perfect shape and in color brilliant orange-scarlet, spotted black. The effect produced by this crown of flowers set on a tuft of dark green leaves is very pleasing and not to be found elsewhere among Lilies. As a pot plant it is a perfect gem, and for the garden even more valuable. It is hardy and robust \$1.00 each; 6 for \$5.00.



Childs' Superior Tuberoses.

The one flower the rich must have, and the poor cannot do without. We all love its massive spikes, thick, waxen blooms of rich, creamy whiteness, and its deep, delicious fragrance. How often has this sweet flower, that might have blossomed in Paradise, been placed upon the cold forms of those whose spirits have gone to nether fields. We have made our garden more lovely, and every flower-lover may enjoy them in his own garden. For open-ground culture, plant them in the middle of May. Give them rich soil, in full sun, and keep free from weeds, and they will bloom finely.

Excelsior Pearl. Introduced over twelve years ago. It is the finest flower of all Tuberoses; hard dwarf flower stalks short, spikes and blossoms enormous in size and very double and fragrant. The finest for pots as well as for the garden. Large, select bulbs, 5c, each, 5 for 20c., 12 for 40c., 100 for \$3.00.

Tall Double. The old popular variety. Splendid for open ground. 5c, each, 5 for 20c., 12 for 40c.

New Variegated. The leaves of this variety are bordered with cream and white. Double-stemmed, but very large and magnificent fragrance. Bulbs continue to grow and bloom year after year. It makes a most magnificent plant. It blooms more than twice as often as the other sorts, which are sold at its value. The only \$1.00 per dozen.

Single Orange Scented. A fine sort, bearing very early and very large flowers of a beautiful orange color. The only \$1.00 per dozen.

One bulb each of above four sorts, 25 cents.



Childs' Golden Japanese Mayberry.

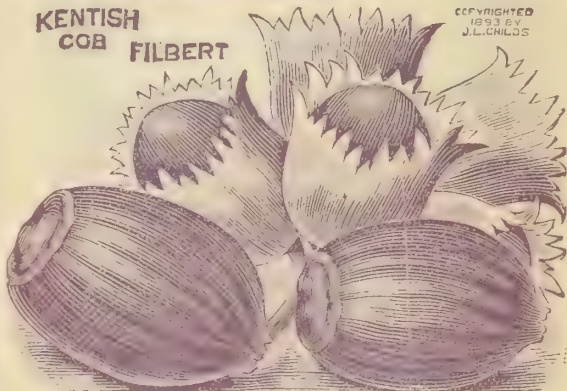


It is now conceded that the Wineberry is the most valuable berry ever introduced, and the most remarkable of the many fine fruits which have come from Japan. It is now eclipsed, however, by this Golden Japanese Mayberry, which is here offered for the first time. This is the most remarkable of all fruit novelties ever introduced, and, like the Wineberry, belongs to the Raspberry family. It grows in sturdy tree form, six to eight feet high, and ripens its fruit before Strawberries, a month before the earliest Raspberries, and before some of them have hardly wakened from their winter's rest. The bushes are distinct from other berries, with spreading, tree-like tops, large bell-shaped, pendulous blossoms, which hang along the entire length of the branches in pairs or triplets. These large, handsome blossoms are followed by great glossy berries which are of a golden-yellow color, and in quality sweet and luscious beyond description. There is nothing like it in cultivation, and its extreme earliness makes it at once the most important of all small fruits. The bushes are entirely hardy in any location, and increase in size, vigor and bearing qualities for four or five years after planting before they reach the zenith of their luxuriance and productiveness. We purchased this berry when there was only about a dozen plants of it, and it cost a small fortune. The stock is yet limited; but we have concluded to offer it this year, but necessarily at a price which may seem high, yet when compared to its real value it is extremely cheap. Those who purchase now and propagate it for sales, a year or two hence, will reap a rich harvest.

Beware of spurious stock, which we are told will be put upon the market. As the introducer we have the genuine article. Fine plants, ready April 20th, 50c. each; 5 for \$2. Strong 2 year old plants from open ground, \$1 each; doz. \$10.

KENTISH COB FILBERT

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Filbert, Kentish Cob.

This is a most desirable nut, and the largest and finest of all filberts. The bushes are of somewhat low growth and occupy little room and may be planted in any out-of-the-way place. They produce annually large crops of the choicest nuts. This is one of the choicest, scarcest and highest priced nuts you can find in the market. Plant a few by all means, they will be sure to do well. 15c. each; \$1.00 per dozen.



Childs' Great Japanese Wineberry.

The most wonderful and valuable of Japanese fruits. It belongs to the raspberry family, is a strong, vigorous grower, attaining the height of 4 to 6 feet, and is perfectly hardy in all positions without protection. It is, in fact, more hardy and vigorous than any raspberry or blackberry. It stands alike the cold of northern winters and the heat of southern summers without the slightest degree of injury. Its leaves are of the darkest green outside and silvery white underneath. The young shoots and branches are covered with reddish brown hair or moss, which makes the plant odd and handsome.

Fruit. The fruit is borne in large clusters, often 75 to 100 berries in a bunch. These berries are, from the time of formation and bloom, until they ripen, enclosed in a "burr," which is formed by the calyx covering them entirely. When ripe, the "burr" opens, exhibiting a large berry of the brightest, light, glossy scarlet, or sherry wine color. The "burs" and stems are covered with a heavy reddish moss like a moss rose bud, giving the plant a most unique and beautiful appearance. The flavor of the fruit is entirely different from any other berry, being very sprightly, sweet and juicy, having no disagreeable sour, but a delicate and luscious flavor peculiar to itself and superior to other berries. The seeds are very small and no more objectionable or noticeable than the seeds in strawberries, which gives this berry another point of great superiority over raspberries or blackberries.

Free from Worms and Bugs. It is absolutely free from all insect ravages. Worms cannot crawl up the stem and branches, owing to the silky moss or hair with which they are covered. Owing also to this or some other reason the plant is shunned by all the destructive tribes of insect pests. It is a pleasure to eat a dish of these berries, knowing that there are no worms or bugs mixed with them.

For Table. As a table fruit there is nothing finer than the Wineberry. Its delicious, sprightly flavor is most toothsome and refreshing, served with sugar.

For Canning and Preserving. For canning and preserving, the Wineberry is greatly superior to any other fruit. It is the only fruit which will retain its fresh, sprightly flavor after being cooked, and for cooking in any form there is nothing which can compare with it. It also makes the most delicious jelly.

For Syrup and Wine. The Wineberry makes a syrup which, for flavoring, is superior to all other fruit juices. As a flavor for soda water it is delicious and novel. It will make more wine from the same bulk than any other fruit, and good judges have pronounced it the most delicious wine ever tasted. For invalids, and in cases of sickness, it is superior to any other wine or tonic, creating strength and a relish for food, where all else fails. We predict that it will soon become the leading wine producing fruit, especially medicinal wines of high quality.

Time of Ripening and Productiveness. The fruit commences to ripen early in July and continues in bearing for a long time. It is the most prolific berry known, the bushes being literally covered with its large clusters of luscious fruit which are very easily gathered. Owing to their novelty, superb flavor and great beauty, they sell more readily and at far better prices than any other berry. It is propagated from the tips like Cap Raspberries and dewberries.

Price. First-class, vigorous plants for fruiting first year, by mail post paid, 20c. each; 3 for 50c; 7 for \$1.00; 15 for \$2.00; 25 for \$2.50; 50 for \$4.50; 100 for \$8.00.

We can also supply 2-year-old plants from open ground at 10c. each; 3 for \$1.00; 7 for \$2.00.

Seed. The Wineberry grows freely from seed, and produces strong, vigorous plants, which fruit abundantly the second year. You can get a fine lot of plants very cheaply in this way. Seed will germinate best if it can be allowed to freeze after sowing. Or it may be soaked well in warm water before sowing. Fresh seed, per pkt., 15c.; 4 pkts. for 50c.



Two New Strawberries.

Shuckless. It is not often that we have a more important novelty to introduce than this. It is a thorough departure from the general run of Strawberries, differing from all others in one most important respect, and in this point lies its great value, and we are sure our readers will appreciate it when we say that in picking the fruit the berry parts from the calyx something like the Raspberry, thus avoiding the irksome task of hulling them before they can be placed upon the table. The hull remains upon the stem. This one point should, and we believe will, make this the most popular berry for home gardens that has yet been introduced. Aside from this advantage, the berry is of large size, beautiful color, of rich, sweet flavor and a hardy, robust grower, producing one of the largest crops of all berries. Everyone who loves and cultivates Strawberries must, of course, have this variety, if only a few plants to grow stock from. 75c. per dozen; \$3.00 per 100; \$20.00 per 1,000.

Weeks Early. This is a most important new berry, inasmuch as it is the earliest and best of all early varieties. It is a good week ahead of any other in ripening, and it is also of large size, fine quality and very productive. No other early variety can compare with it, and it must find its way to every collection. 50c. per dozen; \$2.00 per 100; \$15.00 per 1,000.

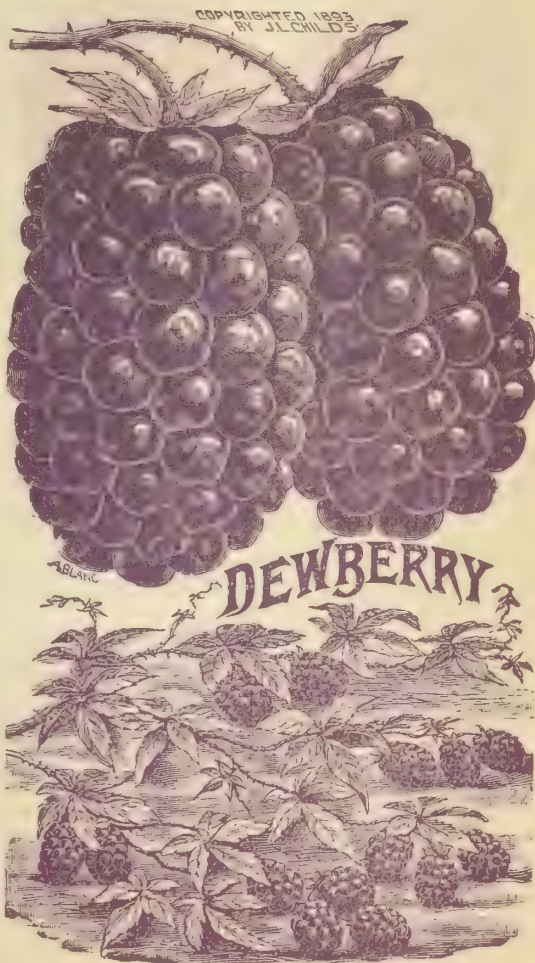
Special Offer. For \$1.00 we will send twelve each of these two finest Strawberries.

Dewberries

Since we first introduced this valuable fruit, several years ago, it has become very popular, and is now largely grown in all sections of the country. It is, as is generally known, a climbing Blackberry, the vine growing very long and may be allowed to trail over the ground or may be trained up to trellises, like Grapes. It is hardy and robust and a sure annual bearer, the berries being larger, sweeter, and superior in every respect to Blackberries. The fruit is borne in great quantities and is of a soft, pulpy nature, sugary and delicate, and seems to melt in one's mouth like Ice Cream. The berries are very large, often more than two inches in length and a glossy, sparkling black color. It is perfectly hardy and does not succor from the roots but is increased from the tips like Black Cap Raspberries. When in bloom in the spring it is very ornamental, indeed, the flowers appearing in large quantity and are of great size and snowy whiteness. Many wild and worthless plants of the Dewberry have been sold and no doubt many people have been disappointed in them, but those who plant the genuine *Lucretia* will be delighted with it and prize it as one of the very choicest fruits.

Lucretia. (TRUE.) We find this to be superior in every particular to any other variety which has been offered. The fruit is borne in great clusters, is of mammoth size and the most luscious flavor. 15c. each; 5 for 50c; 12 for \$1.

Crystal White. This is a new sort, the berries of which are crystal white in color, though not so large as *Lucretia*, but exceedingly juicy, rich and sweet in flavor. 15c. each; 5 for 50c.





CHILD'S
EVERBEARING TREE
BLACKBERRY



Childs' Everbearing Tree Blackberry.

For a Blackberry it is the largest, finest flavored, most prolific, fruiting for two months, and requires no stakes. This fine novelty, of which we control the entire stock, is surely one of the most desirable new things we ever offered, and what we say of it we speak from what we have seen and tested, and not from what others say. It grows from 5 to 7 feet high, branching freely into a fine tree form, as seen in the cut, straight and erect, requiring no stake. The berries are of enormous size, equalled only by the Erie; borne in large clusters, which commence to ripen early in July and continue into September, making its fruiting period nearly two months or more. The finest Blackberries we ever ate we picked about September 1st from some of these plants, which had been ripening fruit since July 8th. They are exceedingly sweet, juicy and delicious, melting in the mouth without a particle of hard core. Its delicate flavor, great productiveness, enormous size, long season of bearing and perfect hardness in the coldest parts of the country, make it the most valuable of all berries for family use. Some of our customers who bought it last spring report that the plants fruited last summer, and the berries proved to be the largest and finest ever seen, and that the symmetrical branching of the plants make them perfect little trees.

Price. First quality, large and strong, 25c. each; 3 for 60c.; 5 for \$1.00; 12 for \$2.00.

Mr. E. S. Black, Monmouth County, N. J., August 11th, 1889, says: "I am not surprised to hear of the enormous sale your Tree Blackberry is having. When it was growing here, on the place of which I am foreman, visitors who saw it have offered me \$5 each for one or more plants of it. Its straight, stout and symmetrical growth and loads of large and most luscious berries borne for so long a period, place it at the head of all Blackberries for family use."



GRANDALL
TREE CURRANT

Grandall Tree Currant.

We were the first to call general attention to this most excellent fruit, and for the last four years it has had with us a tremendous sale, and as far as we have heard has in every instance proved greatly satisfactory. It is a strong and rapid grower, attaining a height of seven to nine feet and branching freely into a fine symmetrical tree form; single shoots often grow four or five feet in one season. It bears every year a tremendous crop of large black fruit nearly the size of a grape, the quality of which is entirely unlike that of any other Black Currant, as it has none of the odor or disagreeable flavor common to black sorts. Its quality is very fine, indeed, and is not excelled for cooking in any form, either for pies, jelly, jam or sauce. Its flavor is that of the Sweet Currant combined with the acid of the Cherry Currant. It is almost sure to commence bearing the first year, and certainly will yield a big crop the second year. The fruit begins to ripen the middle of July and continues to the middle of August, the large berries being borne in clusters of four to twelve, and cling to the tree a long time after they are ripe before dropping. The currant worm does not infest this sort and it is, in fact, entirely exempt from all insect ravages, either on foliage or fruit. It is of iron-clad hardness and will stand the most severe climate without a particle of injury in any respect.

The Department of Agriculture at Washington has taken a great interest in this new Currant, and the Agricultural Report of 1889 contains a fine colored plate of it, and among other things the report says: "It is an enormous bearer, the fruit being large, fully one-half inch in diameter. In quality, raw, it is superior to any of the European Black Currants, having no strong odor or unpleasant taste. It is well adapted for sauces, pies, jellies, etc. It is never attacked by currant worms or other insects, and is perfectly hardy." This is a strong endorsement, and is as true as gospel. The Grandall Tree Currant should certainly have a position in every garden. Price of strong, healthy plants, 25c. each; 5 for \$1.00; 12 for \$2.00.

ASTERS



Asters.

The acknowledged queen of autumn annuals. Indispensable for the flower garden, fine as a show plant for fairs and exhibitions, and charming pot plants. Very profuse bloomers, with exceedingly beautiful flowers of most exquisite colors and almost perfect form. There are several forms of Asters, some being imbricated like a Rose, some loose and globular like a Peony, while others are partly incurved like the Chrysanthemum. In regard to height, they are classified as tall, half-dwarf, and dwarfs. The tall varieties are fine for the center of large beds and for cutting, as their flowers are borne on long stems; the dwarfs are particularly fine for borders or for masses of one color, as they are so compact and bloom so profusely as to seem like so many bonquets set in the ground; the semi-dwarf are good for all purposes, and extra fine for pot culture.

It is a good plan to make two or more successive sowings, two weeks apart, to prolong the season of bloom; seeds can be sown in hot-bed or house and afterwards transplanted, or they can be sown in open ground. In hot,

dry weather, mulch liberally with old manure, or coarse litter, and do not let them suffer for water. Our list of varieties is a fine one. There is not a poor sort among them all. Per pkt.

New Rose. Tall sort, about two feet in height. One of the very best varieties, and a profuse bloomer. Outer petals are fully recurved, and inner petals beautifully incurved and imbricated like the rose. Mixed colors. A favorite sort. 10

New Rose, Pure White. Pure-peachy white, exquisite for cutting or wearing. 10

New Rose, Dark Red. Very rich, clear color. 10

New Rose, Blue. A beautiful shade of clear blue. The white, red, and blue sorts are admirable for ribbon bedding, contrasting finely with each other. 10

Truffaut's Peony-Flowered. A valuable and standard variety—the most perfect peony-type known. Tall-growing, and bearing an enormous quantity of extra large double flowers, beautifully incurved and of every shade from pure white to glowing crimson. Twenty colors or more mixed. 10

Reine Des Halles. A French introduction of much merit.



MILLIPUT



TRUFFAUT'S PÆONY FLOWERED



This Aster is of medium height, robust and free flowering, and three weeks earlier than any other variety known. Mixed colors. 10

Washington. Fine exhibition sort. A tall grower of pyramidal habit. The largest-flowered Aster on the list; 15

fine form and splendid colors; extra fine. Mixed colors. 15
Dwarf Chrysanthemum-Flowered. Plants ten inches in height, perfect pyramids of bloom. Fine for edging, and especially valuable as a late bloomer. Mixed colors. 10

Dwarf Bouquet. Very compact, but six to eight inches high, a mass of flowers from bottom to top. Mixed colors. 10

Imbricate Pompon. Exquisite pompons of flowers, almost as round as a ball; medium height. Mixed colors. 5

Giant Emperor. Tall grower and robust habit. Each stalk usually bears one very double flower of mammoth size. Showy. Mixed colors. 10

Harlequin. One of the most curiously marked flowers grown. Lovely pure white petals, irregularly interspersed with deep blue or bright red petals, making bright splashes and stripes of color over the snowy groundwork. Mixed colors. Medium height. Very odd and very beautiful. 10

Ball of Jewel. This is a new and distinct class of Aster of recent introduction. It differs from all others in two respects. The petals are very short, forming a compact blossom, which is as round as a ball. Extra fine. 15





Nasturtiums.

If we were asked to name the six best annuals, the Nasturtium would be one of them. They are so easy to grow, that a six-year-old child could plant them and care for them, and they have every good quality of a bedding plant—compact habit, attractive foliage, intensely bright and beautiful flowers, borne profusely the whole season, not troubled by insects, and standing dry weather well. Do not let seed form, and plant on thin soil.

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| Tom Thumb, Fine Mixed. Our own special mixture, of all colors, no better can be found. Per oz., 20c | Per pkt |
| Lady Bird. A beautiful bright yellow, stained and blotched with deep crimson | 5 |
| Empress of India. A fine variety with dark purplish foliage and very dark, rich crimson flowers. Grand for edging or ribbon beds, as its color is so noticeable. | 10 |
| King Theodore. Darkest of all, almost black in color | 10 |
| Golden King. One of the loveliest shades of yellow we ever saw. Superb bedder | 10 |
| Coccinea. Bright, flashing scarlet; could not be brighter | 5 |
| Pearl. The newest white. Good for contrast | 10 |
| Rose. A lovely soft shade of rose | 5 |
| Spotted. Gorgeous in colors and markings | 5 |
| Beautus. Deep yellow marked with bright scarlet | 5 |
| Crystal Palace Gem. Sulphur-marked maroon | 5 |
| King of Tom Thumbs. Deep, velvety scarlet, with handsome dark foliage. Very fine | 10 |
| Ruby King. An elegant new sort with flowers of large size and a rich ruby red color. A grand sort, and one of the richest colored Nasturtiums in cultivation | 10 |
| Minus. Miniature Nasturtium, growing only half as large as other varieties. It is very dainty and pretty as an edging to beds of the larger sorts. Many fine colors mixed. Per oz., 30c | 5 |

SPECIAL OFFER. For only 75c. we will send one packet each of the fifteen sorts here offered.



Datura—"Sweet Nightingale."



One of the finest garden flowers. Plants rapid and bushy growers, crowned with great, lily-like blooms a foot in length, like an enormous trumpet, white as snow and deliciously scented. It is a fine plant for the center of a bed of evening bloomers or to use at the base of a rockery. One plant in bloom will scent up a whole garden or lawn with the most delicious fragrance. Per pkt., 10c.



Imperial German Pansies.



Introduced by us several years ago, and now a household word in the land. Many inferior stocks have been placed on the market under the name, but, as the introducers, we may be depended upon to furnish the true variety. Large flowers of the finest coloring; stout, robust and bushy growth, withstanding heat and producing fine large flowers during the entire summer. Flowers of great substance and beauty.

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| Gloriosa Perfecta. An indescribably lovely flower; a reddish steel blue, with distinct red and white rim..... | 10 |
| Snow Fairy. Grand snow-white blooms, profusely borne. Fine for cemeteries..... | 10 |
| Black Knight. A large Pansy of inky blackness. Fine | 10 |
| Thunder Cloud. Another grand Pansy of most unusual markings; large coal-black flowers, each with red and white rim. Extra fine..... | 15 |
| Azure Blue. A clear, lovely shade; very fine for bedding | 10 |
| Emperor William. Elegant deep blue, very useful for bouquet making..... | 10 |
| Little Red Riding Hood. A good advance toward the bright red Pansy of the future. A rich reddish color, some of them very brilliant and showy. Only a portion of the seeds come true to character..... | 10 |
| Deep Yellow. —A fine color for bedding..... | 10 |
| Odier or Five Spotted, Mixed. Beautifully spotted flowers. A popular variety..... | 10 |
| Large Spotted, Mixed. On white, yellow and reddish grounds. Very fine..... | 10 |
| Lord Beaconsfield. True. Flowers of great substance and size, shading from deep indigo at the center to the palest azure blue at the edge of the upper petals. Unlike any other Pansy, and extra fine for cutting..... | 10 |
| Marbled. Beautifully marbled, various shades..... | 10 |
| Striped. Very showy and striking flowers, distinctly striped and shaded..... | 10 |
| Bronze Perfecta. A unique color, hard to describe. Exquisite to combine with the deep blue and purple Pansies in cut-flower work..... | 10 |
| Mixed Seed. Of more than fifty distinct shades of Imperial German, including those described above..... | 10 |
- One packet each of above fifteen Imperial Germans for \$1.00.

GIANT EXCELSIOR PANSIES.

It is impossible to do justice to these lovely flowers in a printed description. Cold type cannot convey an idea of the indescribable richness, the varied and exquisite coloring, the large size, perfect form, and great substance of the blossoms. Plants are compact and bushy, and produce great quantities of flowers, borne well above the foliage on strong stems. Owing to their vigor this strain withstands the hot and dry weather better than any other variety, and produces its great beautiful blossoms in profusion all summer. Over a hundred different shades and combinations of colors have been counted in one bed of this strain. 20c. per pkt.



Ten-Weeks Stocks.

To our mind we do not catalogue a finer flower than the Ten-Weeks Stock. It has every merit of a perfect flower—a compact habit, many and long spikes of closely-set, large double flowers, each as double as a rose, waxy of texture, exceedingly sweet, and varying in color from snow-white to dark maroon-brown, and through all intermediate shades of red, blue and yellow. It is a grand bedder, and a fine pot plant, blooming the winter through. It develops in its greatest perfection in the cold atmosphere of our Northern States. In the South and West a cool situation should be chosen, sheltered from the midday sun. This plant requires rich, mellow soil, and must never be allowed to suffer for water. Poor care will result in poor flowers. It is worse than useless to plant inferior seed of this flower, that has been brought to its present high standard by careful breeding and high cultivation. Our seed is of the very best, and will please all who try it.

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| Early Ten Weeks. 12 of the finest colors mixed..... | 10 |
| " " " Pure white, very sweet..... | 10 |
| " " " Rich crimson..... | 10 |
| " " " Clear blue..... | 10 |
| " " " Yellow, new and fine..... | 10 |
| Dwarf German. Mixed colors. An extra fine strain of large flowered stocks..... | 10 |
| New Largest-Flowering Globe Pyramidal. One of the finest of all. Immense spikes of grand flowers, in almost rainbow colors. We have counted twenty-three different shades in a single bed of these flowers, in bloom at one time..... | 10 |
| Giant Perfection. One of the finest for the open ground, growing to the height of 2½ feet, flowers also of immense size. Many beautiful colors mixed..... | 10 |
| Snowflake. A superb variety. Flowers as perfect as though cut out of wax. Much grown as a pot flower for cool rooms..... | 10 |
| Victoria Blood Red. A fine companion to the Snowflake, and grand for cutting. Deep and rich in color, and very fragrant..... | 10 |
| Celestial Blue. A beautiful color, and contrasts admirably with the two sorts above..... | 10 |
| Tree. Mixed colors; a gigantic branching sort..... | 10 |

One packet each of the twelve sorts for \$1.00.



Phlox Drummondii.

One of the very best of all bedding annuals is the Phlox Drummondii, surpassing almost everything else in dazzling brilliancy. We may well be proud of this distinctively American flower, for it is extremely beautiful, neat in growth and an extraordinary bloomer. The newer sorts of Phlox are so far ahead of the older varieties, that we have discarded all the later, and offer none but those beautiful new ones of recent introduction. The Phlox make beautiful ribbon beds when different colors are sown side by side, and are also grand for masses of solid color.

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| Mixed. 30 different colors. Fine for large beds and masses. Per oz., \$1.00 | 10 |
| Coccinea. A rich, velvety scarlet | 5 |
| Fancy Striped. Very novel and beautiful. Many distinct colors but all striped with white | 5 |
| Grover Cleveland. A grand bedding sort, large, pure white flowers, with radiant crimson centers. Very fine and effective | 5 |
| Rosea Alba Oculata. A clear deep rose, with large, pure white eye. A charming color | 5 |
| Violet Alba Oculata. A rich shade of violet, with large white center | 5 |
| Yellow. Good for contrast, not as brilliant in color as the scarlet and crimson varieties | 5 |
| Alba. Large, pure white, without markings of any kind. Fine for cutting | 5 |
| Stellata. Of the most dazzling, deepest scarlet, with a contrasting eye of the snowiest white. This is a wonderfully brilliant bedder, giving a blaze of color that can be seen a long way. Everyone should try this sort | 10 |
| Double White. This Phlox was introduced some years ago, but so small a per cent. of the plants produced double flowers that we have never before offered it. The strain here offered is most excellent and a large per cent. of the plants will produce fine double flowers in great clusters and as white as snow | 15 |
| Nana Compacta. Small growing, very compact varieties in many brilliant colors. They attain a height of only 6 inches and make a very brilliant carpet of color all summer | 10 |

Per pkt.
Childs' Star. Nothing else in the Phlox line has ever



created such a sensation as the unique German strains of Fimbriata, Cuspidata, and Star of Quedlinburg, when introduced a few years ago. Their large size, and their curiously pointed, fringed, and toothed blooms—utterly unlike anything else—took the floral world by storm. Unfortunately these flowers were muddy and indistinct in coloring. This we undertook to remedy by hybridization between the new incised sorts and the old brilliant sorts of regular form, and we are more than satisfied with our success. We have succeeded in retaining the much admired forms of the German strains, while the colors of our improved hybrids are of every conceivable shade, more than a hundred distinct tints, shades, colors and combinations having been counted among them. Scarcely two plants can be found of the same shape and color. If you want something odd, new and striking, try Childs' Star Phlox.



Childs' Jubilee. This strain of Phlox is as superior to other Phlox of regular outline, as our new Star Phlox are to the ordinary strains of Fimbriata Phlox. The flowers of Childs' Jubilee Phlox are of great substance, beautiful form and uncommon size, while the colors are extraordinarily rich and varied, glowing crimson, dazzling scarlet, deep rose, soft pink, pale blush, maroon black, lavender purple, and numberless other rare shades, many with contrasting eyes, stripes, or featherings. In habit these new Phloxes are erect, rather than procumbent, and bear their velvety blossoms in great profusion, making them unrivaled for bedding. They are of dwarf stout branching habit, always standing erect, and the individual flowers the size of a twenty dollar gold coin. The grandest of all Phloxes

SPECIAL OFFER.—For only 75c. we will send one packet each of these thirteen finest Phloxes.

For several years one of the chief attractions at Floral Park, and one which pleased visitors greatly has been the acre patch of Childs' Jubilee Phloxes, which we annually grow. Such large flowers, such varied colors, and such a great mass of dazzling brightness cannot be found elsewhere in this country.

SWEET PEAS

Sweet Peas.

One of the dear old flowers that will never go out of fashion. Everyone who has a yard ought to grow quantities of this sweetest of all flowers, that is not only a beautiful low-growing vine for garden and decoration, but one of the most useful of all in furnishing material for vases, bouquets and all cut flower work. Plant quantities of these lovely flowers and cut them with a lavish hand. Their presence will bring pleasure in the sick room, adorn your friends' otherwise empty vases, and make happy the flower-hungry children, with no pretty yards and flowers of their own; for every flower you pick, two will come to fill its place. Easy to grow anywhere if sown early, very early. For the largest and finest blossoms, dig a trench six inches deep, put in two inches of rotted manure, a little earth, and sow the seeds over this three inches apart in the row, covering an inch and a half deep. Do this as early as the ground can possibly be worked in the spring, and as the plants grow, fill up the trench around them with rich earth. This gives the roots the cool, deep setting they most appreciate, and if not allowed to suffer from lack of moisture, such planting will produce enormous quantities of flowers of the very largest size. Among the following are Eckford's finest new varieties.

	Pkt.	Oz.
Scarlet Invincible. The well-known deep scarlet.....	5	15
White " Fine pure white.....	5	15
Blue " Elegant deep blue.....	5	15

Adonis. A fine shade of carmine-rose.....	5	20
Black. Dark purplish black.....	5	20
Butterfly. Pure white laced with blue. Lovely.....	5	20
Dark Red. Fine rich color.....	5	20
Cardinal. Fine rich cardinal red.....	10	40
Primrose. Fine primrose yellow. New and fine.....	10	40
Queen of the Isles. Scarlet mottled with white.....	20	75
Painted Lady. Pink and white. A lovely flower.....	5	20
Mrs. Gladstone. Delicate pink and blush. Lovely.....	10	40
Mrs. Sankey. Large, snow white; three on a stem.....	15	50
Lottie Eckford. Large wings, white edged with delicate blue.....	10	40
Orange Prince. Bright orange pink, flushed scarlet wings, deep rose-veined pink.....	10	40
Isa Eckford. Creamy white, mottled pink.....	10	40
Splendor. Large purplish rose. Very fine.....	10	40
Violet Queen. A beautiful shade of violet.....	5	20
Vesuvius. Rosy upper petals with distinct markings, shading into purple at the throat. Lower petals a velvety violet, shading into lilac.....	10	10
Blanche Ferry. The prettiest pink-and-white variety of all. Vine unusually bushy and compact. The flowers being of the largest size and of the finest coloring.....	10	30
Mixed Colors. Extra fine, per lb., \$1; ¼ lb., 30c.....	5	10
Eckford's Grand Mixture. All the grandest new large flowering sorts, per lb., \$2.....	10	20

One packet each of above twenty grand sorts, for \$1.00.

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Dahlia.

We still find difficulty in convincing our customers that good Dahlias can be grown from seed, and that plants will bloom the first season from seed. We only wish we could show all doubters some of the magnificent flowers grown from our seeds. Anyone who can raise a Zinnia or a morning Glory from seed can grow Dahlias from seed. They are remarkably easy to germinate, and from the very seed-leaf the plants are stocky and sturdy. Seed sown in the house in March or April will produce flowering plants as soon as plants grown from tubers. We know this to be so by repeated experiments of our own, and our customers write us the same thing. Some of the finest, largest Dahlias, and the richest colors we have ever seen, were among seedlings. Give good soil, and never let the plants suffer for water, and our word for it you will be more than satisfied. Out of a large paper of seed we have known no two plants to be alike in flower, while there was every color represented, from snow-white to blackish maroon. Start seed in house, and transplant to open ground after frost has gone. Per pkt.

- Double Large Flowering, Mixed.—Will produce some magnificent varieties..... 20
- Double Pompon, Mixed. Extra choice strain..... 15
- New Single, Mixed Colors. Flowers very large and of rainbow colors. Very graceful and exceedingly popular as cut flowers..... 10
- Gracillis, Mixed Colors. Fine cut foliage, and a profusion of brilliantly-striped and flecked blossoms like large tropical butterflies..... 15
- Zimpani. A pretty and curious variety with graceful black flowers..... 10
- Cactus. A new class of broad-petaled double flowers, esteemed by many the finest of all. Very distinct, and extra for cutting..... 25

One packet of each for 75c.

Strawberry.

We have all heard of the great size and luscious sweetness of the French Strawberries. They are certainly a great way ahead of the American varieties. We have secured seed of the finest large-fruited kinds, which we have every reason to believe will produce varieties far superior to those in cultivation in this country. Strawberries are easily grown from seed, and it is interesting to note the different shapes, sizes and quality of the seedlings when they begin to fruit.

Large-Fruited Varieties, Mixed. Pkt. 10c.; 3 pkts. 25c.

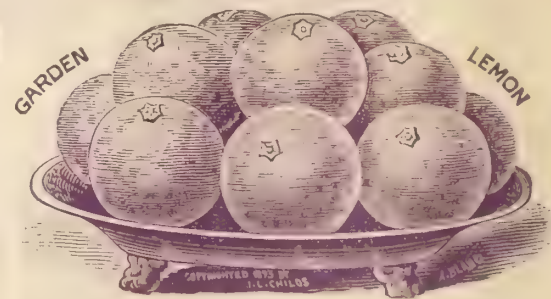


Portulaca.

The Portulaca will stand more abuse than almost any other flower. They do not like deep shade, or wet, damp soil, but in any other situation they only ask the sowing, they will take care of themselves afterwards. The dryer the weather and the hotter the sun, the more they flourish, carpeting the ground with their mat of succulent foliage, that during the fore part of the day is almost hidden by clouds of gay blossoms, in every color of the rainbow. Fine for bordering walks, rock work and bedding. Beautiful in ribbon beds, and as they can be transplanted even in full bloom it is easy enough to remove any single or off-colored ones, and replace them with others as they bloom. Six inches high.

- Grandiflora, Mixed Colors. White, crimson, rose, scarlet, yellow, striped, etc. Very brilliant..... 5
- Double Rose-Flowered, Mixed Colors. Large blossoms, as double as roses, and of the greatest variety of colors and variegations. Our seed is extra choice and will produce large double flowers..... 15
- Double Yellow. Fine brilliant color..... 15
- " Scarlet. Clear and bright..... 15
- " White. Pure and beautiful..... 15

One packet each of above five sorts, 50c.



Vine Fruit.

Garden Lemon. This new vegetable is a great boon to all those sections of the country where fruit is scarce, as its fruits make delicious preserves, sauce, etc., and are more easily prepared. This is something like the Vine Peach, but needs no lemon in putting up, as it is much more acid. Cultivate like the muskmelon. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 25c.

Vine Peach. This sort has fruit the size of a large peach, and of a bright orange color. Flesh firm, and when cooked with lemon, to give it a slight acidity, makes fine pies, sauce, sweet pickles or preserves. Easily grown, and a good keeper. When stored in a cool dry place they keep fresh and good for several months. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.



Verbenas.

Like the Pansy, the Aster and the Petunia, the Verbena is a favorite with everybody, and one of the most universally popular of all flowers, both for the garden and for pot culture. For constant and profuse flowering, and for brilliancy and beauty of colors, it has few equals. Start seed early, under glass if possible, that good strong plants may be had for transplanting to the garden. They will commence blooming in June and continue until after severe frosts, and during this entire time nothing in the garden will attract more attention than the bed or clump of Verbenas. In August cuttings may be taken from some of the best ones and potted up for winter blooming. Our prize strain are the finest Verbenas in cultivation.

Per pkt.

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| Extra Choice Mixed. From a named collection..... | 10 |
| Golden Bedder. A striking variety with bright scarlet blossoms and golden yellow foliage..... | 25 |
| Dark Cloud. A French variety, of a rich black-blue color lighted by a white center. Fine..... | 15 |
| Striata. Everyone admires the striped Verbena, its colors are so clear and vividly contrasted. This is a particularly selected strain..... | 10 |
| Primrose. A great advance toward the coveted yellow Verbena. A soft, pale yellow, or primrose, very pleasing and constant..... | 20 |
| Odorata. A peculiar Verbena, entirely distinct from any other sort. A very hardy, quick grower, blooming in spikes instead of flat clusters, and holding its white blossoms erect. It is sweet-scented, and a profuse bloomer, and plants are compact and dwarf. May be sown early in open ground..... | 10 |

CHILD'S PRIZE VERBENAS.

Famous as the finest strain of Verbena known. We grow four acres of these superb flowers, and we know what we are talking about when we say they are the finest of all Verbenas. The plants are vigorous and short jointed, and perfect sheets of bloom. The trusses are very large, the flowers of mammoth size, perfect form, and embrace the richest and most velvety colors. They are also delicately sweet scented. The range of color is great and shades are mostly very delicate and dainty. In coloring they are, in fact, perfectly exquisite, there being very little of the common old blue and purple colors among them. In their place we have delicate blushes, lavenders, pinks, velvety indigos, intense scarlets, whites, mottled, striped, variegated, etc., in fact, a thousand different colors and combinations.

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| Childs' Prize Mixed Colors. Hundreds of delicate shades. Enormous sized flowers, dwarf, compact habit, and prodigious bloomers. Finest Verbenas grown..... | 20 |
| Childs' Prize Pure Whites. Comes absolutely true from seed. Great trusses of snowy blossoms of exquisite fragrance..... | 20 |
| Childs' Prize Scarlet. Like the above, except in color, which is a very intense scarlet..... | 20 |

SPECIAL OFFER. One packet each of the ten sorts for \$1.00.



ALYSSUM, LITTLE GEM.

An improved variety; much larger flowers of a pure white, and, if possible, more floriferous than the old Sweet. Plant is also more robust and spreading, a single plant forming a thick mat of flowers and foliage 12 to 15 inches across. Three and four hundred spikes of flowers in full bloom can be counted on a good specimen plant at one time. Indeed, 600 spikes have been counted on one plant. Pkt., 10c.



New Marguerite Carnation.

A New Strain of Dwarf, Perpetual-Blooming Carnations which Flower in 3 or 4 Months from Seed.

This is still the great flower-seed novelty of the times, and here is offered the prize strain of seed. While others have sold seed which produced poor and single flowers, ours has always given at least 90 per cent. of the choicest double blossoms. The plant is of dwarf, compact and pretty habit, branching closely above the ground, with vigorous stalks which need not be supported by sticks. It flowers abundantly in a great variety of colors throughout the year, and the calyx never bursts. But what renders this variety far superior to any other is that the flowers appear in about three months after sowing the seed. Moreover, it produces at least 80 per cent. of double flowers, which are large and perfect. The plants grow easily everywhere, both in sandy soil or heavy loam, and will give the greatest satisfaction. Indeed, they signify an improvement on all other Carnations, which nobody ever thought of. Think of getting Carnations in flower from seed in about four months, which lasts throughout the winter, and of various colors, white, pink, scarlet, purple, red, striped, mottled, flaked, variegated, etc. We say without hesitation that it is the most important flower-seed novelty in many years. They are alike valuable for pot-culture or for the garden.

- Mixed Colors.** The finest strain, with large double blossoms, blooming in three months from sowing..... 10 Pkt.
- Pure White.** Extra fine..... 15
- Rosea.** Fine clear rose color..... 15
- Scarlet.** Deep bright shade..... 15
- Purple.** A remarkably rich color..... 15
- Violet.** Fine violet color..... 15
- Striped and Variegated.** Many colors. All beautifully striped, blotched, mottled and variegated..... 15
- One packet each of the seven above offered for 60c.



Zinnia.

From earliest childhood the Zinnia has been a special favorite with us, and the strain which we cultivated in our first little garden we still grow and sell as our improved. We have selected the stock seed every year for twenty-five years. This careful attention has brought it to wonderful perfection. The Zinnia is a robust free grower, furnishing an abundance of large double blossoms, which are of varied and brilliant colors, during the entire summer and fall. Each flower keeps perfect for six weeks before fading, and each plant is a great mass of bloom all the time.

- Childs' Improved, Mixed Colors.** Saved only from select flowers, perfect in shape and color. The finest strain of Zinnia in cultivation. Every plant will produce immense double blossoms of various colors, from white to deeper crimson, maroon, pink, yellow, orange, scarlet, violet, primrose, buff, striped. Every plant will give fine double flowers..... 10 Pkt.
- Improved Striped.** A good strain, representing all the leading colors, but all striped..... 10
- Fire Ball.** Dwarf habit, large double blossoms of intense scarlet, as round and perfect as a ball. It makes a fine border or mass, with its bright color..... 10
- Snow Ball.** Exactly like Fire Ball, except color, which is snow white, and makes a charming contrast..... 10
- Lilliput, Mixed Colors.** This strain is the acme of beauty and perfection in Zinnias. Plants small and of bushy growth, each one bearing scores of beautiful little blossoms of the most perfect shape and brilliant colors. These charming little Zinnias are gems indeed, and should be in every garden..... 10



- Double Yellow.** Blossoms large and bright golden yellow..... 10
- One packet each of the six sorts for 50c.

Morning-Glory. BLACK.

Our friends will surely be pleased to add to their old favorite, Morning-Glory, a new color, and surely none could be so odd and unique as black, the rarest color among flowers. It does not differ from the ordinary Morning-Glory in any other respect. The flowers are of large size and freely produced. A novelty which all will admire. Pkt., 10c.



Choice Vegetable Seeds.

In our regular Catalogue we offer an extensive list of Vegetable Seeds, both standards and novelties. Here we cannot for lack of space, attempt to offer only these four novelties of our introduction, and they are the most important vegetable novelties of the times. Our Vegetable Seeds are the choicest in the country.

Childs' Picture Rock Tomato.

The grandest Tomato ever introduced. Early, smooth, uniform, prolific, longest bearing, longest keeping, and the finest in quality. In all these essential points this Tomato is superior to any other kind. Fruit bright scarlet, of fair size, and so perfect and uniform that they look as though each one was moulded with the same stamp. On account of this perfect shape and great beauty, it is unsurpassed for market. Its quality is extra fine, and it commences to ripen its fruit very early, and continues in bearing until frost,—a most remarkable quality. Its keeping qualities are, however, the most wonderful. Ripe fruit picked from the vines have been kept in perfect condition from three to four weeks during warm summer weather. It originated in the Picture Rock region of Wisconsin, hence its name. Pkt., 15c.; oz., 50c.; lb., \$5.00.

Bean—Childs' Hort. Lima.

This novelty is a cross between the old Horticultural Bean—the finest flavored of all common pole beans—and the pole Lima, the richest and most buttery flavored of all beans.

In color and markings this new cross resembles the Horticultural, but is flat like the Lima, while the flavor is a combination of these two finest of all beans. The bean is fully three weeks earlier than any other Lima, and is also much more prolific. An extra good variety for Canada and the Northern States, where the seasons are too short for the tropical Lima to do well. It bears five to seven beans in a pod, and as the pods are numerous, it is exceedingly prolific, which, added to its extreme earliness and fine combination of rich flavors, make it one of the most important Limas. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 35c.; quart, 60c.

Cucumber—Childs' Early Beauty.

A most remarkable and valuable early Cucumber, now offered for the first time. It is a sport from Early Siberian and has that variety's great value as a cropper. It is as early as Extra Early Russian, though twice as large as that variety, and keeps its lively green color to a very late stage of growth, and will supplant all other early sorts, such as Siberian, Russian, Green Prolific, Thorburn's Everbearing, etc., for it is not only earlier but larger and finer in every respect. It is even so fine that it has been called Early White Spine, though it has no relation to that superb late variety. Pkt., 15c.; 3 pkts., 30c.; oz., 50c.; lb., \$5.00.

Pea, Childs' Morning Star.

A New Wrinkled Pea, Earlier by Nearly a Week than Any of the Small Pound Varieties.

This is the greatest vegetable novelty of 1894. It is the earliest Pea grown by nearly a week. It is a fair-sized, wrinkled variety, and, therefore, possesses the same delicious quality of the late wrinkled kinds. For the first time the fine quality of the late varieties is combined with extreme earliness. When this is once tried no other early Pea will be grown. Added to its other qualities, it is exceedingly prolific and continues to bear longer than any other early sorts. It grows 18 to 20 inches high and does not require bushing. Pkt., 15c.; 3 pkts., 30c.; pint, 40c.; quart, 75c.

Mr. William Falconer, gardener to Charles A. Dana, and editor of *Gardening*, says: "I ought to tell you about that 'Morning Star' wrinkled Pea you let me try here two years ago. I sowed it in single rows in light warm soil about the end of March, when I sowed round peas, and Alpha and American Wonder. It astonished me by its earliness, coming in ahead; and it is a good cropper and of fine quality. Better still, it is the most reliable wrinkled pea for fall use—sown August 1st—that I have ever grown."

Sweet Corn—Childs' Honey Dew.

The Earliest and Finest Early Sort.

A superb novelty. For years seedsmen have been working to get a corn as early as the Cory, with large ear, white cob and superb quality of the later varieties. We at last have it. Childs' Honey Dew is not only the earliest, but has a good sized ear, white cob, and large, pearly kernels of the very finest quality, tender, sweet and nutritious. It also keeps a long time in good condition before hardening, and runs perfectly uniform, every ear exactly alike. In all-round good qualities it is the finest of all Sweet Corns. It grows to a medium height and the ears are formed low, and two or three on each stalk. Mr. Wilbur, the extensive seed-corn grower, of Weathersfield, Conn., who grew an acre of the Honey Dew the past season, says: "It is the finest Early Corn." This is undoubtedly the most important vegetable novelty of last year, and we are now prepared to supply it in quantity for the use of market gardeners. It is the most profitable corn to plant, combining, as it does, good size and color, luscious quality, handsome appearance and long-keeping, and earliest to mature. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 30c.; quart, 50c. We will send a peck by express for \$1.50, or a bushel for \$5.00.

SPECIAL OFFER. To tempt every one who sees this Catalogue to try our superior Vegetable Seeds, we will send one packet each of these five valuable Novelties for only 50c.



New Early Sweet Potatoes.

These Early Sweet Potatoes are indeed valuable. They ripen in ten weeks from the time of planting, and can be grown in any of our Northern States, or in Canada. In quality they are much superior to the Southern article. With these varieties any family in the land can grow their own Sweet Potatoes. Set the plants in hills as you would ordinary potatoes, and any good soil will answer, though a light sandy one is the best. Even if the soil is very sandy and poor they do exceedingly well. Plants should be put out during June, or any time up to July 10th. These may be ordered at any time, but we do not send them out until about the first of June, when it is time to plant them.

Chinese 30 Days. With us, small plants set out the last days of June produce full-grown fine tubers by the first of August, hence its name, "Thirty days." The tubers are very large, fully a foot in length, and light pink in color. Its foliage is entirely distinct from any other sort, as when young the leaves are a purplish-black color, but turn green with age. A new sort from China. Green plants, 60c. per dozen; \$3.25 per 100.

Early Peabody. Extra fine flavor, dry and sweet, and of beautiful red color. Very early, often fit to cook the second week in August. 50c. per dozen; \$3.00 per 100.

Early Golden. Very large tubers, smooth and light golden color. Green plants, 50c. per dozen; \$3.00 per 100.

SPECIAL OFFER. For 60c. we will send six plants each of the three sorts: twelve each for \$1.00.

Special Collections.

AT EXTRA LOW PRICES.

6 Beautiful Lilies, 6 sorts, our selection.....	\$ 50
6 Splendid Cacti, 6 sorts, our selection.....	50
6 Splendid Flowering Shrubs, 6 sorts, our selection.....	50
6 Rare Chrysanthemums, 6 sorts, our selection.....	50
6 Geraniums, 6 sorts, our selection.....	50
6 Carnations, 6 sorts, our selection.....	50
6 Tea Roses, 6 sorts, our selection.....	50

8 Rare Ornamental Trees,

For \$1.50, as follows:

1 Double Flowering Peach, 1 Blood Leaved Peach, 1 Ginkgo, 1 Catalpa, 1 Mountain Ash, 1 Tulip Tree, 1 Purple Beech.

10 Choice Grapes for \$1.00,

as follows:

Brighton, Concord, Golden Pocklington, Moore's Early, Moore's Diamond, Moyer, Niagara, Worden, Wyoming Red, Vergennes. All fine vines, by mail, postpaid, for \$1.00.

Our Great Surprise Collection.

LARGER and FINER this YEAR than ever BEFORE.

\$4.00 or \$5.00 Worth of the Choicest Flowers
FOR ONLY \$1.00.

We are obliged to grow enormous stocks of all kinds of Plants, Bulbs and Seeds, generally more than is necessary, to make sure of having enough. It is our custom, after the heavy spring business is about over, in May, to take this surplus stock of various good things, make it into "Surprise" Collections, and offer them to our customers, giving them four or five times the value of their money. In fact, the "Surprise" is the great amount of fine things one gets for the money paid. These collections cannot be sent out until about the middle of May, and will be entirely of our own selection, from kinds of which we have a surplus. No collection will be made up for less than one dollar, and from that up to any amount the purchaser may desire. They will be sent free, by mail, unless desired by express, and in that case we can send very much more for the money than by mail. All "Surprise" Collections ordered previous to May 20th, will be booked and shipped then, but we continue sending them up to the first of July. We advise our friends to invest a dollar or more in this collection. We can guarantee that they will be greatly pleased.

Mixed Flower Seeds, 50 Kinds.

People who wish a great variety of flowers at small cost will do well to plant a packet of this seed. It is a mixture of fifty different kinds, all the best sorts, and those which grow and bloom freely. It will make a brilliant and attractive bed. Large pkt., 10c.; 6 pkts., 50c.

A Rare Fruit Collection.

For only \$1.00 we will send by mail, postpaid, three each of the following rare new fruits:

3 Tree Blackberry,	3 Japanese Wineberry,
3 Lucretia Dewberry,	3 Filberts,
3 Shuckless Strawberry,	all by mail, postpaid, for \$1.00.

Our "Dollar Flower Garden."

15 packets Choice Seed and 35 Flowering Bulbs,
valued at \$3.00, for only \$1.00.

6 fine mixed Gladiolus, 3 Lemoine Gladiolus, 3 Tuberoses, Excelsior Pearl, 1 Tuberoses, new variegated, 1 Hyacinthus Candicans, 1 Cooperia, 1 Montbretia, 1 Cinnamon Vine, 1 Maderia Vine, 1 Spider Lily, 1 Tigridia, 1 Liliun Wallacei, 2 Fairy Lilies, 12 Oxalis, and 15 packets of the choicest and best Flower Seeds, Balsam, Pansy, Phlox, Verbena, Zinnia, etc. All by mail, postpaid, for \$1.00.

This collection is offered at a very low figure for the purpose of interesting people in their culture, and to introduce our Seeds and Bulbs. Please show this to your friends.

A GREAT OFFER OF

Shrubs and Hardy Perennial Plants.

To close out a quantity of large Shrubs which will after this season be too large to be sold, we make this remarkable offer: For only \$2.00 we will send by express, 10 large beautiful Shrubs, 10 fine sorts named, ready for immediate effect. The selection must be left to us; but they will all be fine varieties, and some of them very rare. These large shrubs would cost 50 cents to \$1.50 each, at most nurseries.

In like manner we will express 10 large clumps of HARDY PERENNIAL PLANTS; 10 fine sorts, our selection, for \$2.00; or for \$3.00 we will send the 10 Shrubs and the 10 Perennial Plants. Improve this opportunity.

Mayflower Souvenir Collection.

Ten Fine Hardy Garden Plants at a Bargain.

This offer is made only to those who are subscribers to THE MAYFLOWER, and we hope all will take it, for it is a fine collection of extra choice hardy plants, which when once planted will bloom profusely year after year, with little or no care. Plant it in honor of THE MAYFLOWER's ten years of existence. The Collection is composed of the following ten extra choice plants:

- 1 Iris Kaempferi, Gold Bound, finest of all Japan Iris.
- 1 Iris Germanica, Mad. Cheral, finest German Iris.
- 1 Clematis Davidiana, a beautiful bush Clematis.
- 1 Platycodon Grandiflora, an elegant garden plant.
- 1 Tritoma Grandiflora, an exquisite plant for late summer.
- 1 Arundo Donax Variegata, the finest of all grasses.
- 1 Day Lily, variegated; an exquisite hardy foliage plant.
- 1 Tree Hollyhock, a superb shrub.
- 1 Sweet Pea Shrub, lovely beyond description.
- 1 Filbert, Kentish Cob, elegant nut-bearing shrub.

These ten plants amount to \$1.75 at regular rates, but we will send them by mail, postpaid, to any MAYFLOWER subscriber for only 75c.



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Begonia Vernon.

If there is a more satisfactory flowering plant than Begonia, Vernon we are unfortunate enough not to know it. The new ones here offered are a great addition to the list of choice pot plants. They are full of bloom every day in the year.

Vernon Crimson. Produces a profusion of dark crimson flowers. Many of our customers regard this as the very finest pot plant for perpetual blooming in existence. It is certainly a plant which must be in every collection. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Vernon White. Splendid large blossoms, pure white. 20c.

Vernon Pink. Lovely bluish and pink shades. In other respects exactly like the above, and a plant of perpetual beauty. 20c. each.

Vernon Yellow Leaved. This new variety of Begonia Vernon has pure white blossoms slightly shaded or bordered with exquisite silky pink, while the foliage is of a charming yellowish color. The flowers are borne perpetually both winter and summer, and their exquisite beauty added to the superb color of the leaves makes a plant not only beautiful beyond description, but exceptionally odd and striking. 30c. each; 2 for 50c.

One plant each of the four sorts for 60c.

Seed. We can supply seed of the above varieties, mixed, at 15c. per pkt. Begonia Vernon blooms in 2 or 3 months from time of sowing the seed.